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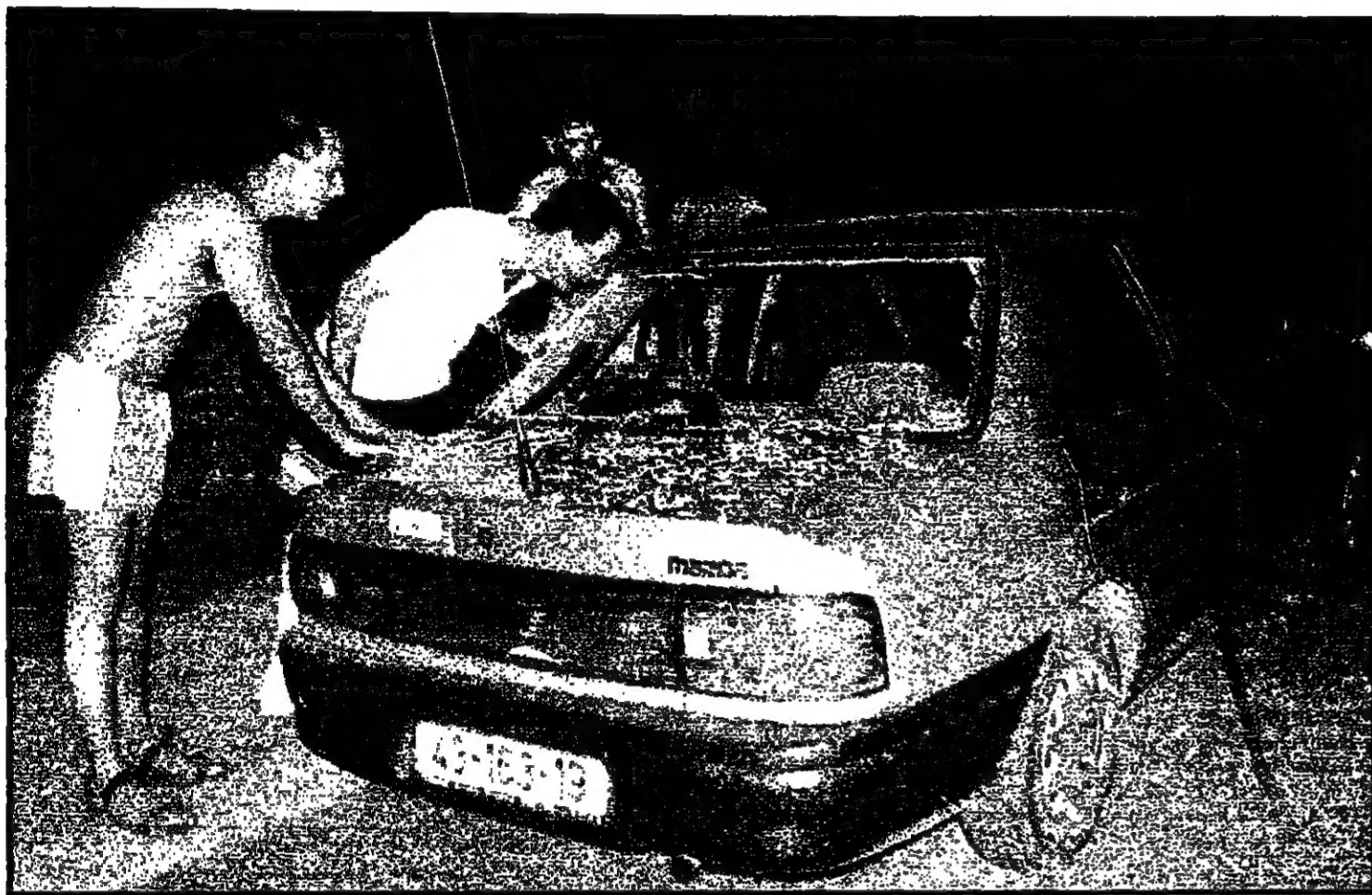
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Barrage of Katyushas slams Galilee



Kiryat Shmona residents inspect the damage to a car caused by last night's Katyusha attack.

(Avim Shapira/Israel Sun)

Attack follows IAF hit on Amal leader

By DAVID RUDGE

At least 14 people were lightly wounded or suffered from shock as a result of Hizbullah Katyusha rocket attacks on Kiryat Shmona last night while the northern town was full of people.

Rockets also hit parts of the Western Galilee, knocking out power lines and causing relatively minor property damage but no casualties.

Reports from Lebanon said that at least 30 rockets were fired at targets in Israel, with most of them landing in Kiryat Shmona and the Western Galilee.

The attacks occurred around 9:45, when people were still

A few hours after the helicopter raid, news agencies reported that at least seven Lebanese civilians had been wounded and several houses and vehicles damaged in villages north of the zone, as a result of SLA shelling.

A Syrian outpost near Masghara village, the southernmost Syrian base in Lebanon, was said to have been hit in the shelling, although there were no reports of casualties.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi.

The differences were that on that occasion several other vehicles in Musawi's convoy were hit and his wife and young son were among those killed. Hizbullah's response to that attack was massive Katyusha rocket bombardments on Galilee communities.

That and subsequent Katyusha attacks led to Operation Accountability in 1993 and three

A well-planned attack

Yesterday's strike by a single Apache helicopter gunship was carried out using a laser-guided missile which locked onto its target as regional Amal operations chief Husam Amin, 32, was driving along a road near Tyre.

The car, had turned off the main coastal highway and was heading toward El-Malkiyeh village.

According to reports, the helicopter had closely followed the route of the car and had even waited for three other people who were in the vehicle to be dropped off before launching its attack.

Only when the pilots were sure that he was alone in the car did they fire at the vehicle, which instantly caught fire, went out of control, and crashed into an orange grove.

Reports from Lebanon said that, around midday, two Apaches had been seen hovering over the coastal road north of Tyre. About 30 minutes later, one of them veered inland to attack Amin, a close associate of Amal leader Nabih Beri.

David Rudge

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walking the streets, sitting in coffee shops or attending wedding receptions.

No direct instructions had been given to residents by the IDF to enter bomb shelters, although some went there on their own after the first salvos fell.

The rocket attacks were apparently in response to the wounding of seven Lebanese civilians in villages north of the security zone as a result of South Lebanese Army shelling, as well as a missile strike by an IAF Apache helicopter that killed regional Amal operations chief Husam Amin, 32, as he was driving near Tyre.

The inner security cabinet will meet this morning to discuss the attack and its response. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was reported to have immediately travelled to the northern border last night.

Mordechai earlier in the day said Amin was head of Amal's operations in the western sector and had been responsible for planning numerous attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets.

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Gaby Ashkenazi briefed heads of confrontation line communities by phone last night. No instructions were given to open public bomb shelters, nor were residents told to take any special precautions.

Nevertheless, many residents decided that they would spend the night in shelters or in security rooms.

The IDF, in a rare move, announced publicly that it was responsible for the attack that killed Amin. The IDF did not, however, admit responsibility for a reported missile attack the previous night on an Amal command center in Kassamiya, where Amin apparently lived.

The attack was reminiscent of the IAF helicopter strike near Jibsheet in 1992 that killed

years later to Operation Grapes of Wrath and the understandings that ensued which banned both sides from hitting civilians.

Security sources stressed that Amin was a military target, whose movements had apparently been closely followed for some time, and was therefore "fair game" under the terms of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

According to some reports, the order to attack was given by the cabinet, without any connection to the recent Israeli fatalities suffered in south Lebanon.

Mordechai praised the efficiency of the operation and stressed that Israel would continue to act against terrorist organizations operating in south Lebanon and their leaders.

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Tactical victory, strategic risk

It looked good on paper. The execution was surgically meticulous, thanks to good intelligence.

But the IDF knew that taking out top Amal military commander Husam Amin would expose the residents of the North to a retaliatory attack and, indeed, Katyusha rockets slammed into the Galilee Panhandle a few hours later.

But the IDF was determined to send a message that no one behind attacks on Israeli troops is immune. Amin was said to be directly responsible for the increase in attacks against Israeli targets in Lebanon this year. He was a driving force behind Amal's attempt to recapture the battleground in south Lebanon.

ANALYSIS

Martin Kramer, head of the Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University, said that the attack could boost the image of Amal, which has been playing second fiddle to its rival, Hizbullah.

"It will enhance their aura. In their appeal to the Shi'ites, they will say it is not just Hizbullah which is fighting Israel; we are also in the struggle. It will strengthen Amal in the hearts and minds of the Shi'ite Lebanese," he said.

A stronger Amal would be in Israel's long-term interest, Kramer said, because it is as secular and Lebanese as Hizbullah is Islamic and pan-Middle East.

"If one has to choose between the two movements, certainly Amal could be relied upon to stop at the Israeli frontier in the event of a pull-back, while most analysts would agree that Hizbullah would still have reason to create crises beyond the border," he said.

The IDF insists the attack was strictly within the confines of the Grapes of Wrath agreements, which do not bar attacks on military personnel.

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Insurance companies to pay policies of Holocaust victims

By CHELSEA J. CARTER

NEW YORK (AP) - Leading European insurance companies signed an agreement yesterday to resolve the unpaid Nazi-era policies of Holocaust victims, even though attorneys for survivors remain opposed, said a key member of the negotiating team.

The agreement - independent of pending class-action lawsuits - was negotiated by the World Jewish Congress, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and European insurance companies.

The memorandum of understanding establishes an international commission that will examine the companies' archives, set up a process to resolve claims, and determine a company's liability, said Neil D. Levin, vice chairman of the commissioners' group negotiating task force and superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department.

"This means that finally, moral and material restitution will be made," he said. Attorneys representing thousands of Holocaust survivors said they didn't support the memorandum, claiming it is not legally binding and does not guarantee quick payment of policies.

"They have been waiting 50 years to resolve this, and they

don't want to wait another 50," said Linda Gersel, of Anderson, Kill, and Olick in Manhattan.

As part of the agreement, the insurance companies will also immediately pay money into two funds - a humanitarian fund and an equity fund - that would begin paying provable claims immediately.

"This is not charity. This belongs to the survivors and their heirs," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, of the Simon Wiesenthal

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Center in Los Angeles.

Among the major European insurance companies which signed the agreement are Allianz of Germany, the French company AXA, Swiss companies Winterthur and Basler, and Der Anker of Austria, Levin said.

The announcement comes a week after Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali agreed to pay \$100 million to settle outstanding claims brought on by a class-action lawsuit.

Switzerland's two major commercial banks agreed earlier this month to pay \$1.25 billion to survivors as restitution for lost assets. Attorney Ed Fagan, who represents Holocaust victims, said some problems with the agreement are that companies aren't bound to it and that survivors weren't consulted.



Protecting the public

A policeman escorts a Palestinian past Jewish residents of Hebron after the curfew on the city was lifted yesterday. Story, Page 2.

(AP)

SA bomb kills 2 in revenge for US attacks

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - A radical Moslem group claimed responsibility for a bomb that killed a woman in Cape Town's popular Planet Hollywood restaurant yesterday, saying it was in retaliation for US attacks in Sudan and Afghanistan.

Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels told Reuters at the scene that 25 people were injured in the US-franchise restaurant by the blast. "It was an explosive device that was left in the bar part of the cafe," he said.

Police initially reported one woman killed, but spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen told Reuters later that a second person might have died.

Local radio said a second victim died of a heart attack.

Cape Talk radio journalist Marianne Merten said a man

claiming to represent Muslims Against Global Oppression telephoned shortly after the explosion saying the bomb was set in retaliation for last week's US missile attacks on alleged terrorist targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

The United States attacked the alleged terrorist strongholds after more than 250 people were killed in the August 7 bombing of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Mixed signals over possible redeployment

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat sounded a conciliatory note in Oslo yesterday, but in Jerusalem official sources were less than optimistic about finalizing a West Bank withdrawal agreement.

Arafat told reporters he could accept the Israeli proposal to withdraw from 13% of the West Bank, of which a certain percentage would be a nature reserve, and both Palestinian and Israeli sources in Oslo gave optimistic estimates about nearing an agreement.

According to Channel 2, Arafat asked the US for a letter guaranteeing it will ensure that Israel implements the entire agreement. However, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there are grounds for Arafat's optimism only if the Palestinians keep their part of the deal.

Official Israeli sources said there was no development to indicate progress towards an agreement. The sources also expressed concern over US envoy Dennis Ross's refusal to visit.

Ross, who attended the ceremony commemorating the fifth

anniversary of the Oslo Accords, said he has no plans to visit the Middle East, despite Israeli efforts to get him to do so.

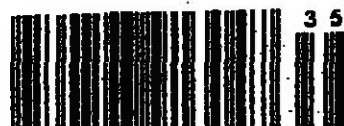
Coalition whip Meir Sheerit, who attended the Oslo ceremony, said: "I believe the talks brought us closer to points that could really make a breakthrough in the process. When I return I intend to report to the prime minister."

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said Netanyahu has "crossed the Rubicon" vis-a-vis the withdrawal and estimated that an agreement will be signed "within a few days or weeks."

But sources close to Netanyahu said they had no idea where Kahalani got his information. Netanyahu reiterated his demand that the Palestinian National Council convene to amend the Palestinian Covenant and denied "all kinds of false rumors about concessions we haven't made. We want reciprocity, security, and that the PNC cancel the covenant."

However, reports persisted that Israel advised Palestinian leaders it had dropped its demand to convene the PNC as a condition for the redeployment.

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NEWS

in brief

Naharayim gathering marks peace with Jordan

About 2,000 youngsters, mostly Israeli, gathered last night at Naharayim to mark the passage of five years since the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty. Other youths came from Jordan, Gaza, and southern Lebanon.

The gathering was organized at the impetus of Kibbutz HaMeuchedet, to encourage the peace process and turning Naharayim once again into a popular site for youngsters, as it was before the killing of seven school-boys from Beit Shemesh by a deranged Jordanian soldier last year.

Families of the students from Beit Shemesh boycotted the event, as did the mayor of Beit Shemesh. Jordan was represented by Prince Raed, the oldest Jordanian prince, who called for continuing the peace process.

Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani represented Israel, and said he hopes the model of Israel's peace with Jordan will be adopted by other Arab states. *Jim*

TA municipal engineer ordered fired

Tel Aviv city manager Meir Doron, following his investigation of the construction accident that damaged a major sewer pipe in Jaffa last week, recommended the dismissal of a sewerage department engineer, Nahum Stein.

Stein, in the permit given to the building contractor that hit the pipe, had written that "there are no municipal sewerage pipes in the area." "There was a systemic failure in the issuing of this permit and in some of the actions that led to the issuing of the permit," Doron said. He also recommended that Yevgenya Plotnick, an engineer in the building inspection department, be reprimanded.

As a result of the damage, a large quantity of sewage flowed into the sea, leading to the closure of the city's beaches. *Jim*

Police probing verbal assault against Mordechai

The police have opened an investigation into the conduct of right-wing activist Itamar Ben-Gvir. Ben-Gvir earlier this week protested outside the Motza home of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and called him "murderer." Police are checking whether the verbal assault is considered incitement.

Last night, right-wing activists demonstrated again outside Mordechai's home, *Jim* reported. A group of left-wing activists staged a counter-demonstration expressing support for Mordechai.

Ben-Gvir said last night that his statements were protected by his democratic rights and that police attempts to stifle him will not prevent him from continuing to voice his opinions. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Suspected child abuser remanded

Jerusalem Magistrate's court yesterday remanded a father of 15, suspected of abusing his family over a long period of time, for four days. The man, a resident of north Jerusalem about 45-years old, denied the accusations. *Amy Klein*

US intelligence defends VX-Sudan link

US intelligence, defending the decision to fire cruise missiles at a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan, said yesterday that soil samples from the area showed traces of an ingredient for making deadly VX gas.

The Sudanese owners of the El Shifa factory in Khartoum, which was largely destroyed in the attack last Thursday, also had meetings with Iraqis close to Iraq's chemical weapons program, a senior US intelligence official said.

The chemical found in the soil near the plant was EMPTA, or o-ethylmethylphosphonothioic acid, he said. *Reuters*

'We got out by a miracle'

By DAVID RUDGE

Luck played a great part in the narrow escapes of Galilee residents during last night's rocket attacks.

"The first attack hit the center of town, which was lucky from our point of view," said Ra'anan

Aloni, of Kiryat Shmona, after a Katyusha scored a direct hit on his neighbor's house.

He said that after the first salvo, people immediately headed for the nearby bomb shelter, which had been opened earlier on the orders of Mayor Haim Barbeval because

of the risk of attacks.

"The family in the neighboring house ran to the shelter and, on their way, a rocket hit their house. It was a serious blow. We got out by a miracle," said Aloni.

A woman ran to the shelter after the first salvo and was hit by the second. She suffered shrapnel wounds.

Power supplies to parts of the town and neighboring villages were knocked out. At least one truck was severely damaged by a direct hit, and a number of homes and other buildings were damaged.

In Western Galilee, rockets hit an Arab village, causing panic among residents and some damage, but no casualties.

The IDF Spokesman issued a statement saying that gunners had returned fire, and calling rocket attacks a flagrant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

Amal gets a boost in its battle with Hizbullah

BACKGROUND

The Amal movement, led by Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Beri, still has a groundswell of grassroots support among the Shi'ite population, especially in south Lebanon and Beirut, despite its lack of finances and organization compared to Hizbullah.

Amal, which was established in 1978, was for many years the sole movement of and spokesman for the Shi'ite community. All that changed in 1983 with the formation of what was then a radical and fundamentalist splinter group - Hizbullah.

Lifted by the Islamic revolution that had swept Iran and spurred on by the Israeli invasion during the Lebanon War, Hizbullah hit the headlines with a new form of fighting - suicide bomb attacks.

It did not take long for the new organization, financed by and ideologically aligned with Iran, to establish itself and become a force in Lebanon.

Intersecting fighting with Amal only served to strengthen the military base of Hizbullah, which at a later stage began to involve itself in social welfare projects in Shi'ite neighborhoods and villages, at Amal's expense.

The more secular movement suffered further after the Taif Accords of 1991 which effectively ended Lebanon's civil war and led to the disbandment of all warring militias - except Hizbullah.

Hizbullah, with the tacit approval of Syria - which had by then established its control over Lebanon - was allowed to retain its fighting arm ostensibly to wage a war of liberation against the "Zionist occu-



The wreckage of the car in which Hossam Al-Amin, a military commander of the Shi'ite Amal militia, was killed yesterday when an IDF helicopter gunship fired a rocket at the car as it traveled near Tyre. The vehicle was thrown 10 meters off the road. (AP)

piers" in the security zone.

Amal forfeited its militia rights and virtually gave up the fight in south Lebanon to Hizbullah, which has been reaping the benefits of its successes and propaganda ever since.

Recently, however, Amal has been trying to get back into the

fray, especially in light of the public calls in Israel for a withdrawal from the security zone.

Amal, apparently, decided that it could not allow Hizbullah to take all the credit for any IDF pullback and has been trying to get back into the picture. One of its more spectacular operations was the booby-

trapped video-cassette bomb that an SLA security official brought unsuspectingly by to the Metulla crossing point. It killed one person and wounded several others.

Since then, Amal has gradually increased the pace of its attacks, mainly long-range mortar fire at IDF and SLA outposts. In the past

few weeks, the number of incidents claimed by Amal has risen to an average of one per day.

The movement, it seems, has determined that it will also go into the history books for the fight to free the security zone. It will certainly view the killing of Hossam Amin as a major propaganda victory.

PM rejects plea to halt Oslo process

Netanyahu pledges support for Hebron settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday promised the Hebron Jewish community that building will begin shortly in Tel Rumeida.

He was speaking during a condolence visit to the family of the late Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anani, who was murdered in his Tel Rumeida home last Thursday by terrorists.

Seated before Ra'anani's widow Chaya, Netanyahu listened to her pleas to discontinue the Oslo process. "With all my reservations regarding Oslo, I cannot stop the process since I was elected on the basis of a commitment to fulfill these agreements," he told her.

The visit marked the first time Netanyahu had been in Hebron since being elected. Accompanied by his wife Sara, his entourage passed by the Machpela Cave before continuing up the hill to the mobile homes perched on a hilltop overlooking the city.

In the afternoon, the IDF lifted the curfew imposed on Palestinians living in HZ, the sector under Israeli control, for three hours, allowing residents to buy food. The curfew was imposed after last Thursday's attack.

Shortly after the curfew was lifted, a group of settlers near Beit Hadassah reportedly stoned Palestinian passers by.

Soldiers detained a woman settler outside Beit Hadassah and escorted Palestinians to safety, while trying to push back about 30 settlers. "Go home, go home," settlers

shouted as Palestinians tried to make their way past Beit Hadassah.

Civil Administration Spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner said that despite a military closure on the entire city and the curfew, some 6,000 Palestinian workers who had permits were permitted to enter Israel to work on Sunday and yesterday.

Chaya Ra'anani described herself as a "woman whose world had collapsed around her." The only thing that would give her strength to continue, she said, is to ensure that her husband was not murdered for nothing.

Speaking to reporters outside the Ra'anani's mobile home, Netanyahu said: "Look at how these people are living. The walls are made of plaster and are so thin you can put your fist through them. In the summer the hot sun beats down and in the winter the rain pours in."

Netanyahu said the approval for permanent homes had been given and that it would not be long before construction starts. Netanyahu said that plans to build should not be conceived as doubling every square meter. But he stressed the importance of maintaining a Jewish presence in the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, back in Gaza after attending ceremonies in Norway to mark the fifth anniversary of the Oslo Accords, said the shoring up of the Tel Rumeida compound is "completely against what has been agreed upon."

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) con-

firmed reports that during a meeting with Netanyahu on Saturday night the Prime Minister had agreed to allow the construction of a building near Beit Hadassah called Beit Hashishu. Porat said Netanyahu agreed to build two story buildings in place of the seven mobile homes at Tel Rumeida, allowing more families to move there.

Speaking on Arutz 7, Porat said that during the meeting he emphasized that settlers "are treated as third rate citizens and things reach a peak only when something happens."

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) warned that Netanyahu's agreement to allow building near Beit Hadassah would only encourage violence. Cohen said Netanyahu is playing a game of Russian roulette with extremists in Hebron.

Mohammed Najib adds: The Palestinian Legislative Council will hold a closed session in Hebron today to discuss the situation in the city. PLC member Jamal Shubaki, a Fatah representative from the Hebron area, said that as long as settlers remain in Hebron, there will be no peace process.

A statement published by the PLC called on the PLO to raise the Hebron issue at the next UN Security Council session and discuss the "collective punishment" and the "brutal crimes" carried out by the settlers, who, it said, are supported by the IDF and the Israeli government.

from Lebanon said at least one Hizbullah gunman was wounded.

The SLA also returned fire and it was apparently as a result of this that shells struck Masghara, Sohmar, and Ein-Tineh north of the zone, wounding Lebanese civilians, damaging houses, and setting at least a car ablaze. There were also reports later of exchanges in the western sector of the security zone.

After the IDF killed Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi in 1992, together with his wife and son, Hizbullah is thought to have retaliated by blowing up the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires the following month, killing 29 people.

But IDF officials and analysts don't believe that Amal is strong enough to strike at Israeli targets abroad, particularly over the death of a mid-level fighter.

MIXED

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Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had advised Arafat deputy Mahmoud Abbas at their meeting this week that Netanyahu had given up the demand.

Sarid said Netanyahu's emissary, Yitzhak Molcho, gave the same message to Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei.

Sarid said he was responsible for the absolute accuracy of this information.

"Either Netanyahu is deceiving his emissaries, Mordechai and Molcho, and via them the Palestinians with today's denials, or he is deceiving the Israeli public and his coalition partners on the extreme right."

"Either way, the expectations for an impending withdrawal are again premature and exaggerated, as we've experienced a thousand times in the past," Sarid said.

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said Molcho had informed Qurei that Israel had dropped its demand that the PNC amend the covenant.

Israeli sources who attended the Oslo ceremony said the docu-

ment Molcho gave Qurei made no mention of the demand to convene the PNC, which enables the Palestinians to say the PNC convention is not a condition to the withdrawal agreement.

They noted the American proposal says the PLO executive committee, rather than the PNC, must amend the covenant before signing the agreement. Omitting the PNC condition enables Netanyahu to accept the executive committee's amendment of the covenant for the time being, while not giving up his demand that the PNC amend it before the final settlement.

However, Netanyahu's denials indicate he may have reneged on the document he gave Molcho, which contains the first official reference to a 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank, the sources said.

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), who returned from Oslo yesterday, said there is no need to wait for September 13 to sign the withdrawal agreement.

Beilin was referring to reports that preparations are being made to sign the agreement in Washington on that date.

"The most important thing is to reach an agreement and start the 12-week period of implementing the American plan," Beilin declared.

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Appeal to Netanyahu for bail-out Health funds to ask for court's permission to run joint clinics

By JUDY SIEGEL

The directors of the four public health funds will make a joint appearance today in the Anti-trust Court in Jerusalem to request "temporary permission" for activating "joint emergency clinics" to supply vital care to all members if they can no longer individually provide all services.

Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg of Clalit, Shabtai Shavit of Maccabi, Uzi Salant of Meuhedet and Dr. Shmuel Rosenman of Leumit will appear at the court this morning. The health funds have not yet signed the program, promoted by the health and finance ministries and approved by the Knesset Finance Committee several weeks ago to transfer some NIS 550 million in grants and loans to help cover their

deficit.

The program was also to require the levying of user fees for going to a medical specialist, visiting an outpatient clinic and receiving physiotherapy and other treatments, as well as hiking charges for prescribed drugs.

The four health fund directors yesterday sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, urging that "you put all your weight" behind the demand for updating the basket of health services, taking into account the aging of the population and its growth, and the growing costs of new medical technologies and pharmaceuticals.

"We're sorry to say that no solution has been found yet for this matter, and that the government's repayment of its debts to the health funds has not been carried out," they wrote.

As a result, the insurers intend to cut services significantly, beyond their current reductions - closing clinics during afternoon and evening hours, for example. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza sternly berated them last week for reducing services.

Because of the health funds' severe budget deficits and their failure to pay their debts to hospitals, many of the hospitals - especially those not owned by the government or Kupat Holim Clalit - are in a desperate financial situation.

A Health Ministry source said the fact that the four health funds are acting jointly provides the basis for Matza's claim that they are acting as a "cartel." Ministry spokesman Yoram Malka added that he thought the court would reject the health funds' request.

By AMY KLEIN

Tensions ran high on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday when border policemen entered the area to arrest an Arab youth, and Wakf officials closed the Mount to tourists.

Wakf officials accused police of acting violently in the holy area, and demanded that they guard the compound only from the outside.

The trouble started when two Arabs were arrested near the entrance to the Temple Mount because they refused to submit to a routine ID check, a police spokeswoman said. A few hours later, a third Arab protested their arrest, and police chased him into the Temple Mount compound.

Wakf guards then scuffled with the police. "Police hit the boy inside the mosque and then the Wakf guards went to protect him," said Adnan Hussein, director-general of the Islamic Wakf.

But Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said the police acted properly.

Wakf officials closed the Temple Mount to tourists, and for the next few hours the High Islamic Council met in the compound to protest the situation. Faisal Hussein, the Palestinian Authority official responsible for Jerusalem, was also present.

Wakf officials met with Yitzhaki and asked him to remove the border policemen from within the Temple Mount gates. Yitzhaki refused, telling them that police can operate anywhere in the city. "The status quo remains in Jerusalem and we will not make any changes," he said.

After the Mount was closed, some 60 people demonstrated outside.

Heavy security forces came to disperse the demonstrators.

The police have sovereignty on the Temple Mount, Yitzhaki said, suggesting that political factors were behind the decision to expel the border policemen. "They were not operating alone," Yitzhaki said.

A senior police official told him that the Wakf was trying to flex its muscles. "The Wakf is in a crisis, because of the PA's increasing power in Jerusalem, and it is trying to heat up the atmosphere and show its power," he said.

But the matter wasn't political, Adnan Hussein said, and Wakf



Caroline Soulers (left), of London, and Marie Breteau sit outside the gate after the Wakf closed the Temple Mount compound to tourists yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

officials have no objection to police apprehending criminals within the Temple Mount area. They object to the soldiers' behavior inside the mosque. "This is a holy place, and it is

forbidden from a religious point of view," Hussein said. "You can position soldiers outside the gates and this will protect the Temple Mount from extremists. We won't be held responsible

for Israelis if they continue to stay here," he warned. "Putting soldiers there is a big mistake. It's their decision. If they want a problem, then they have a problem."

Projects will increase territories' water supply

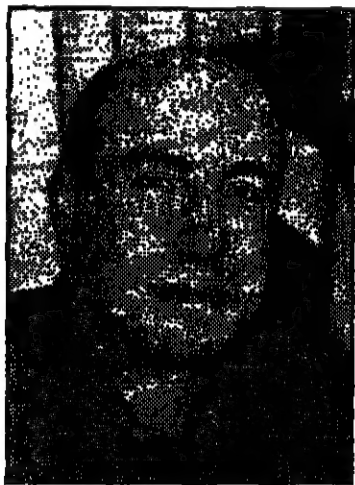
By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH
and Jerusalem Post Staff

Government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr visited Bethlehem, Hebron and Jenin yesterday to inspect drilling sites and pipelines being laid to ease the water shortage in the West Bank.

The current system is unable to absorb the water being supplied mainly due to the lack of a proper infrastructure, said civil administration spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner.

The project, which started seven months ago and will cost some \$25 million, was planned and funded by the U.S. Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and Jordan are also involved.

Results, however, will not be felt until next summer, said Lt.-Col. Michael Kesari, adding that in March 1999 an additional five to



Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr (Israel Sun)

rapid pace with channels for the pipelines being dug and covered at the rate of several kilometers a week.

"We have to uphold our commitments as a nation and a people and do our best to relieve the current shortage," Orr told Israel Radio.

In a related development, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon met with visiting US Sen. Joseph Biden and used the water project as an example of the kind of regional project, using Israeli know-how and US and other financial support, that can contribute greatly to the peace process.

Sharon also met with Japanese Ambassador Kawashima Yutaka. The two discussed the possibility that the Japanese government or Japanese companies participate in projects with Israel, the PA, and Jordan, like the water project.

seven million cubic meters will be added to the water supply. Meanwhile, work continues at a

Barak, Ben-Ami working on a 'new' Labor Party

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and MK Shlomo Ben-Ami are planning a radical change in the party, which will infuse it with new content and turn it into a new centrist social-democratic party.

"Israel needs a new social-democratic party in any case, and Labor needs a radical internal renewal and face-lift - both in structure and in platform," Ben-Ami, who is formulating a document on how to change the party, said on TV's *Erev Hadash* yesterday.

Ben-Ami said Barak and senior party officials have been discussing ways to update the party and turn it into "New Labor."

"Ever since Labor was founded, it was a coalition of social groups, like the kibbutz and other settlement movements, which are dissipated and worn out today. The real new social groups are in Netanyahu's coalition - Sephardi communities, development town residents, new immigrants and lower-income groups."

"We must find a new organization that will constitute a home for them, especially since Netanyahu's policy is striking against these very groups and hurting them," Ben-Ami said.

Ben-Ami dismissed as "not serious" the rumors of MK Haim Ramon's plans to quit Labor and form a centrist party with other prominent Labor MKs.

Sources close to Barak called the rumors "groundless speculation," noting that Ramon was lagging in the polls, far behind Barak, MK Yossi Beilin and Ben-Ami.

Man suspected of defrauding dozens of women remanded

Shimon Bar-Or, 41, of Herzliya, who is suspected of defrauding dozens of women out of their money by promising to marry them, was remanded for six days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

According to the police, Bar-Or established contact with a woman in April, claiming he had been given her name by a marriage broker. Although he is married, he said he was divorced and was interested in marriage. He managed to establish a relationship with her and three weeks later convinced her to loan him money so they could set up a business together. She gave him NIS 117,000, all her savings.

As soon as he had the money, he broke off all contact with the women, who then found herself in financial difficulties, as she had also allowed him to use her credit card. That same month, he rented a villa in Herzliya, using checks on his late father's account and a bank in New Jersey, which he knew would bounce.

According to the police, dozens of women have filed complaints against Bar-Or since 1988. He apparently represented himself as an air force pilot and defrauded them after promising to marry them.

He was summoned for questioning in 1988, but failed to appear and fled the country, even though an order barring him from leaving had been issued. He is thought to have returned in 1994.

The police are uncertain how, given the order, he managed to leave the country and return. The police said they seek to have him charged with theft, fraud, forgery, and bribing a public official. Bar-Or maintained his innocence. (Itim)

PM backs Dead Sea tourism project

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday pledged NIS 12 million in government support for an ambitious NIS 1 billion tourism development project which has been on the drawing board for 10 years.

The project in the Megilot region of the northern Dead Sea will consist of a string of holiday villages with a total of 6,000 hotel rooms built around a lagoon.

Real estate developer Motti Zisser told Netanyahu that if the government provides the money, he and other investors - such as Ofer Brothers, Israel Resort

Hotels, and Africa Israel - would be ready to start clearing land within 90 days.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said that it was important for Netanyahu to receive first hand knowledge of income potential from tourism at a time when the government is involved in budget discussions.

Later, at a meeting with tourism industry representatives in Ein Bokek, Netanyahu agreed to further investments in tourist infrastructure. "We're putting down real money for infrastructure," he said. "This will mean an injection of jobs. It will create real employment."

Aware of the need for putting plans into action before the anticipated tourism boom in 2000, Netanyahu will meet with Katsav next week to map out a strategy for the provision of sufficient accommodation to meet the needs of the expected five million tourists.

Katsav is expected to again raise the issue of the Civil Aviation Authority's refusal to permit foreign airlines to operate more frequent flights. El Al president Joel Feldschuch pointed out

that El Al is already at a disadvantage because of its high security costs and its inability to fly on Shabbat.

Eilat businessman Nahman Shechter, noting that casinos are operating in Taba, Akaba and soon in Jericho, asked whether it wasn't time to bring them to Israel.

Netanyahu's compromise solution was to upgrade the existing casino boats which pick up passengers in Eilat and have their gambling operations outside Israel's territorial waters.

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Germany seeks solution for Nazi slave-labor claims

German industry could compensate people forced to work as slave laborers under the Nazis by contributing to funds for Holocaust victims living in eastern Europe, the German government said yesterday.

German companies are seeking ways to pre-empt lawsuits on behalf of former slave workers and want the government to launch a new compensation fund they could pay into as well.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl rejected the idea last week, saying the government had given enough compensation.

Instead, industry could channel money into funds for Holocaust victims in eastern Europe that the German government set up after the fall of communism, Kohl's spokesman, Otto Hauser, said yesterday.

Through the funds, Germany gave \$840 million in one-time payments to people in the region who suffered under the Nazis, he said.

The government would sound out industry on its proposal once German courts have issued final verdicts on pending World War II slave labor cases, Hauser said on Deutschlandfunk radio.

Germany has paid tens of billions of dollars to compensate victims of the Nazi regime. But the

government has refused to pay back wages to former slave laborers, arguing they were used by private companies.

Meanwhile, Austria may also face compensation claims from Holocaust survivors who worked as slave laborers for Austrian companies during Nazi rule.

No such claims are known to have been made in the recent past against Austrian companies.

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal recalled yesterday he had sought compensation for Holocaust survivors as early as 1946 but was turned down by those Austrian enterprises who had used wartime slave labor.

Slave labor is only one of several Nazi-era issues which successive Austrian governments failed to address.

Other issues still unresolved 53 years after the collapse of Nazi rule include compensation for those whose companies were "Aryanized" by the Nazis and in some cases nationalized by the Austrian government after the war.

US attorney Edward Fagan is planning to meet executives of Austria's Creditanstalt bank to discuss ways of compensating Holocaust survivors whose gold was stolen by the Nazis and

allegedly transferred by the bank to Turkey during the war.

Chancellor Viktor Klima was reported by Austrian media to have recommended to Creditanstalt executives to be cooperative in dealing with the compensation claims.

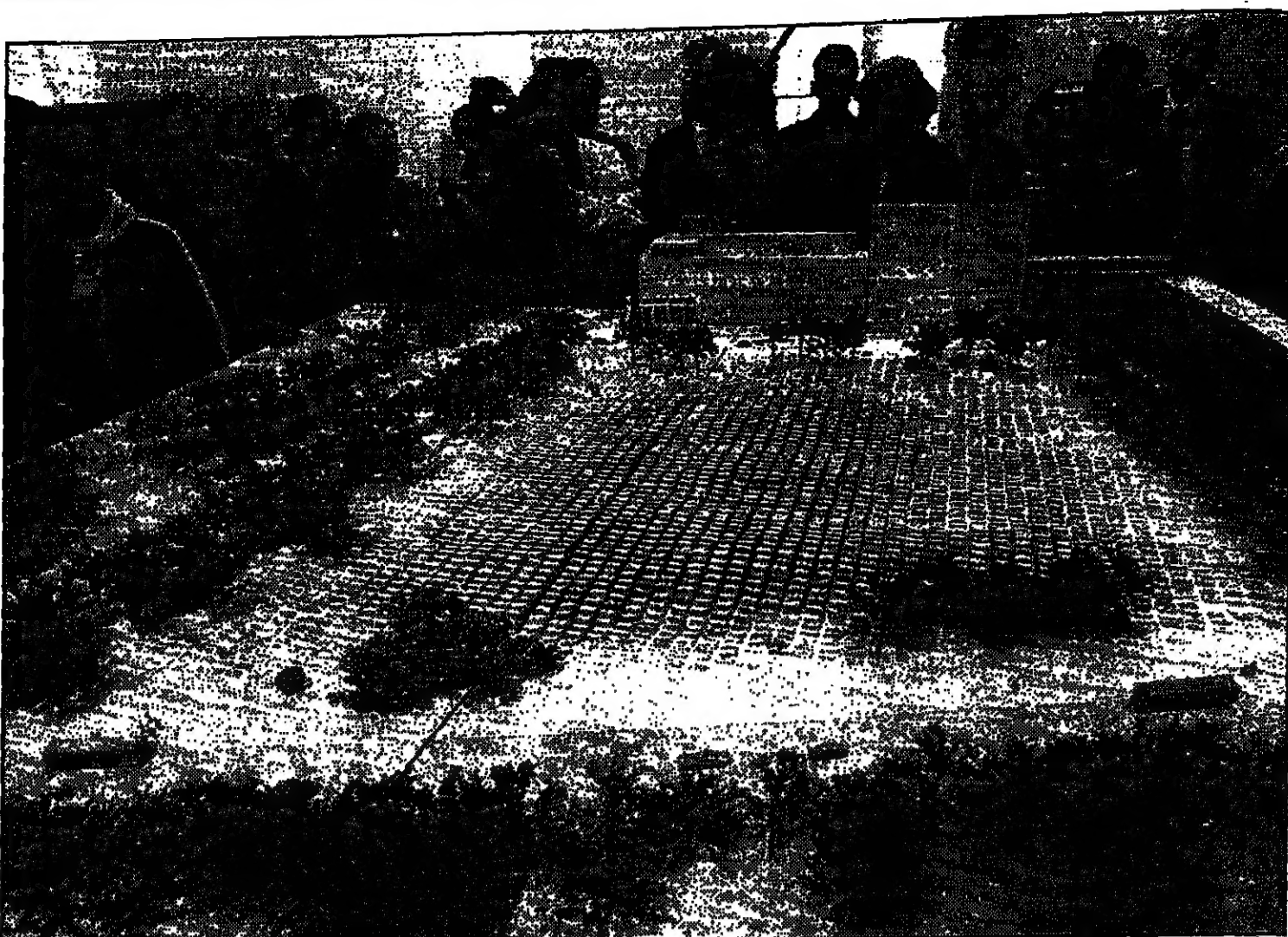
Both he and Vice Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel suggested that Austrian companies should react "with the greatest possible openness" to claims from victims of Nazi terror.

In his statement, Wiesenthal said he first raised the compensation issue in 1946 when he served as president of the Jewish Central Committee for the American occupation zone in Austria.

He said people who authorized him to first look at the claims were then informed workers forced to work in the Hermann Goering Werke, which after the war became the nationalized VOEST-Alpine iron and steel concern.

He asked those companies to make payments for work done by those forced to work for them as concentration camp inmates or as other slave laborers.

"The answers were all negative, with the most varying arguments in favor of rejection being advanced," he said. (AP)



Journalists get a first look yesterday at the model of Berlin's prospective Holocaust memorial, designed by American architect Peter Eisenman. The design, a labyrinth of more than 2,500 pillars resembling a cemetery, is one of four finalists in the competition. (AP)

Germany's Holocaust memorial design presented amid continued debate

By PAUL GRITHER

BERLIN (AP) — Germans got their first look at the leading design for a national Holocaust memorial yesterday, but when and whether it actually will be built remains an open question.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the strongest promoter of the decade-old project, on Monday backed off his pledge to push ahead with it before national elections on September 27, saying he wanted to avoid turning such a "sensitive subject" into a campaign issue.

Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who is leading in the polls, welcomed the delay. On German tele-

vision Monday night, he said he is not against a memorial in principle, but isn't sure whether the chosen site and above all the scale of the project are appropriate.

"I think that these questions will now be widely discussed, and the Bundestag will participate," he said, referring to the lower house of parliament.

Lea Rosh, the head of the private initiative behind the project, called the delay "a declaration of bankruptcy" and said she fears a Schröder victory could spell the end for the memorial.

But Andreas Nachama, the leader of Berlin's Jewish community, welcomed what he called a

"pause for thinking," saying he doesn't believe it wise to rush the project through.

The four finalists were put on public display yesterday, as Berlin officials met to debate the project. The front-runner, favored by Kohl, is a labyrinth of more than 2,500 pillars resembling a cemetery. It is designed by US architect Peter Eisenman.

Although the Eisenman design has been significantly scaled down from the original proposal of 4,000 pillars, Mayor Eberhard Diepgen and other critics complain it is still too "monumental" and wrong for the site, just south of the historic Brandenburg Gate.

Researcher holds missing Anne Frank diary pages hostage

By WILLIAM J. KOLE

AMSTERDAM (AP) — In the dry, bookish world of World War II research, it's the closest thing to a hostage standoff.

A former employee of the Anne Frank Foundation who has five missing pages to the *Diary of Anne Frank* says he'll give them back — but only if fellow Dutch scholars promote his Holocaust research in the United States.

Cor Suijk's threats of academic blackmail in a television interview Monday evening have upset the

Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which revealed the existence of the missing pages last week.

"We've asked a lawyer to try to find a way out of this," David Barnouw, spokesman for the war documentation center, said yesterday.

"I'm a little surprised," he added. Suijk claims that Otto Frank, father of the young Jewish diarist whose account of hiding from the Nazis has become an international best-seller in 55 languages, gave him the pages shortly before his death in 1980.

Suijk, a longtime Anne Frank Foundation employee known to have been a close personal friend and confidante of Otto Frank, told RTL television Monday that the

elder Frank made him promise the pages wouldn't be published until the entire family was dead.

The war documentation center, which wants the pages back so they can be included in the next edition of Anne's famed diary, contends that Otto Frank never intended to make a gift of them to Suijk.

The center, citing the diary copyright held by the Basel, Switzerland-based Anne Frank Fund, will say only that the handwritten pages appear to be authentic and contain Anne's "very critical" assessment of her parents' marriage.

Suijk, however, said their contents will be revealed Sept. 14 in a Dutch documentary about Anne's two years in hiding in a secret annex behind a movable bookcase in an Amsterdam canal house.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

FINANCING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

1998

- In accordance with the Local Authorities Law (Elections Financing) 1983, all factions and lists are entitled to receive funds for election expenses from the Treasury.
Funds will be granted to those factions and lists that comply with the law.
- (a) The text of the law, the guidelines laid down by the State Comptroller and a detailed timetable, together with the forms for declarations, affidavits and other documents required by law, will be available from Thursday, August 27, 1998 at the following branches of the Ministry of the Interior:

Locality	Address	Contact
1. Jerusalem	Head office, Kiryat Ben-Gurion	Ilana Nahari
2. Upper Nazareth	Ministry of the Interior, Government House	Said Mirza
3. Safed	50 Rehov Yehoshua	Margalit Gabai
4. Tiberias	23 Rehov Alhadi	Merav Nadir
5. Haifa	11 Rehov Hassan Shukri	Hana Weissman
6. Netanya	13 Rehov Parnaz	Reuma Diner
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9. Ramle	District office, 1 Rehov Danny Mass	Ida Omer
10. Tel Aviv	Shalom Tower, Rehov Ahad Ha'am (15th fl.)	Zion Nagar
11. Beersheba	District office, 23 Derech Hanezirim	Lea Elkayam
12. Ashkelon	District Center, City Hall	Rahel Weiner
- (b) The affidavits, declarations and documents must be submitted directly to the Minister at the Financing of Local Elections Department, Ministry of the Interior, 26th floor, Shalom Tower, 9 Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Tel Aviv (elevators 6, 7 & 8), or via one of the officials listed above, by Sunday, September 13, 1998.
- (c) All affidavits, declarations and documents must be submitted in two copies. One copy will be stamped as proof of submission and returned.
- (d) The aforesaid regarding submission of declarations and affidavits does not apply to local factions of major national parties which will be dealt with within the framework of the national parties.

3. The main dates set by law are as follows:

Date	Event
Sept. 6, 1998	Last date for making changes in the composition of local councils (identification with parties).
Sept. 13, 1998	(1) Last date for factions and national parties to submit declarations (requests for financing) to the Minister of the Interior. (2) Last date for factions and national parties to announce the appointment of an auditor. (3) Last date for factions to submit a bank guarantee. Note: Bank guarantees may be submitted at a later date, in which case the advance will also be paid at a later date. Bank guarantees must be valid until August 11, 1999.
Oct. 20, 1998	(1) Last date for lists to submit declarations (requests for financing) to the Minister of the Interior. (2) Last date for lists to announce the appointment of an auditor. (3) Last date for lists to open a bank account and start keeping records and accounts. (4) Last date for lists to submit a bank guarantee. Bank guarantees must be valid until August 11, 1999.

4. Attention mayors, heads of local councils and council members: September 6, 1998 has been set as the last date for factions in local councils to identify themselves, in accordance with the Financing Law and with paragraph 25 of the Local Authorities Law (Elections) 1985. Local councils should therefore hold meetings to choose names for the factions, the number of the members and the delegates, by this date.

5. Explanations

- For the purposes of financing, distinctions are made between:
 - Factions of a party serving in the 14th Knesset: Funding will be centralized and the faction will receive funds from the main party, which will distribute the money at its own discretion. All declarations and affidavits for the faction will be submitted by the main party.
 - Out-going factions in a local council which do not belong to a major party: These will submit declarations and affidavits for independent, direct funding.
 - Groups of voters which plan to submit lists of candidates for a local council (i.e. new lists), referred in this announcement as "lists."
- Out-going factions in a local council must do the following by September 13, 1998:
 - Submission of Affidavits and Declarations**
(1) Factions must inform the Minister of the Interior of the number of its members and their names by September 6, 1998. This affidavit must be signed by the faction's delegate or his/her deputy, and a copy sent to the head of the local authority. The Minister of the Interior must be given the names of at least two, and not more than eight, names of representatives authorized to act in the name of the faction in connection with this law. One of these representatives must be a member of the faction. Another representative must declare that he or she is thoroughly acquainted with the faction's financial situation and this must be confirmed by the faction.
 - Factions must submit a declaration to the Minister of the Interior signed by all members of the faction stating that the faction has done everything necessary to ensure proper accounting of income and expenses during the period of the elections, in accordance with the regulations set down by the State Comptroller. (The regulations of the State Comptroller and the text of the law may be obtained with the application forms.) This form must also include a declaration by a representative that he or she is familiar with the faction's finances. The faction must also inform the Minister of the Interior of the number(s) of its bank account(s).
 - The declaration described in the above paragraph must be signed in the presence of a lawyer.
- Auditors**
The name and address of the auditor appointed in accordance with paragraph 17 of the above law must be submitted to the Minister of the Interior together with the auditor's consent to serve in this position (the auditor's statement of consent will be submitted on a separate form). This regulation does not apply to local authorities in which the number of residents with the right to vote does not exceed 5,000.
- Advances**
(1) In accordance with paragraph 10 of the above law, advances will be paid to factions and lists, providing that they give the Minister of the Interior a bank guarantee valid until August 11, 1999, by which the bank undertakes to pay the Treasury the entire sum, or part of it, as the Minister of the Interior demands; the guarantee will be for the sum of the advance + 10%.
- Factions are entitled to request an advance of 80% of the financing to which they would be entitled if they were to win the same number of seats which they hold in the outgoing council.
- Lists are entitled to request an advance as if they had one representative on the outgoing council. Regarding the financing for one representative, see paragraph 7(a) of the law.
- Restrictions Applying to Election Expenses**
It is hereby made clear that the maximum which a faction or list may spend on elections is as follows (the greatest of the three):
(1) 200% of the amount of financing to which the party would be entitled were it to win the same number of seats which it holds in the outgoing council.
(2) 200% of the amount of financing to which the party will be entitled according to the number of seats it wins in these elections.
(3) 150% of the amount of financing to which the party would be entitled were it to win three seats in these elections.
- Restrictions Applying to Income**
(1) Contributions from companies in Israel or abroad may not be accepted, directly or indirectly.
(2) The maximum contribution which a person or household may make in the period between elections, directly or indirectly, is NIS 5,000.
- Lists**
(a) Lists which request financing may submit the affidavits and declarations listed above (request for financing) before submitting a list of candidates to the elections clerk and will thus be entitled to an advance before submitting its list of candidates.
(b) The last date for lists to submit affidavits and declarations (request for financing) is October 20, 1998.
(c) Lists must ensure that the person listed as their delegate as well as his or her deputy must be the same both on the list of candidates submitted (or to be submitted) to the elections clerk and on the request for financing.
- Financing will not be given without the proper affidavits and declarations
(a) It is emphasized that new lists and existing factions on an outgoing council which fail to submit the request for financing, together with all the required affidavits and declarations, by the last date listed above, will not be entitled to financing even if they do win one or more seats.
(b) Lists and factions which have no interest in receiving an advance but are interested in receiving finance should they win one or more seats, must submit requests for financing on time. Lists and factions which do not submit said request on time will not be entitled to financing even if they do win one or more seats.

OPEN LINE ON ELECTIONS FINANCING

The Ministry of the Interior is holding an open line on elections financing on Monday, August 31, 1998, between 3 and 6 p.m., Tel. 09-767-7251.

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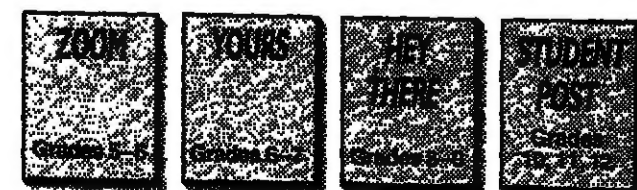
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Report: Many schools lack shelters

By AMY KLEIN
and Jerusalem Post Staff

Some one-third of kindergarten and elementary school pupils have no bomb shelters in their buildings, and many of the rest have shelters that are insufficient, a study by the Union of Local Authorities in Israel showed.

The report found that 32% of elementary school pupils and 34% of kindergarten pupils have no shelters in their schools, and would have to be taken to nearby public shelters in the event of an emergency.

An additional 29% of schoolchildren and 14% of kindergarten children have only "partial" shelter, that is, shelters that cannot accommodate all the children

studying in the facility. In high schools, 14% of pupils had no shelters, while 44% had inadequate shelters.

Officials estimated that it would cost NIS 1 billion to equip schools lacking shelters with the proper protected areas.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, the focus was on day-to-day school safety, a response to the death in June of Amalia Cohen, 9, who fell out of a school window.

"We have taken a personal accounting and we will repair the guard rails on all school windows," Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday, at the municipality's annual press conference marking the beginning of the academic year.

An additional 337 security guards will be stationed at schools

in the capital, he added.

City Councillor Haim Miller, who holds the city's haredi education portfolio, rejected the Education Ministry's findings that two municipal workers were negligent and thus bore responsibility for Cohen's death.

"The Education Ministry is responsible for the school safety budget and should take responsibility for the negligence," he said. Miller also said that haredi schools are overcrowded, understaffed, underfunded, and often suffer from decrepit facilities.

Olmert denied recent reports saying that haredim receive more than half the city's education funding.

Haredi schools, which account for 36.7% of the city's pupils,

receive about a third of the educational budget, he said.

"There is no educational sector that suffers more than the haredi sector," said Olmert, on a tour of haredi schools.

Jerusalem's pupil population is exploding, Olmert said, noting that 45 percent of city residents are under 19.

The Arab sector is getting a boost, said Olmert. In the last three years, 110 new classrooms have been built, as opposed to 12 between 1988-1992. Another 35 classrooms are still being built, and some 120 more are in the planning stages.

Four new schools will open in Jerusalem this year: in Pisgat Ze'ev, Ramot, Abu Tor and Beit Safafa.

Jerusalem pupils will be able to download assignments from their own Internet account provided by the municipality. In a darkened room, the municipality's updated web site was unveiled (<http://www.jerusalem.muni.il>). In addition to listing the various services available in Jerusalem, students will receive their own personal ID number and can communicate with their teachers and other students via the Internet.

In the last five years, 4,000 new computers were integrated into the Jerusalem school system, at a cost of over NIS 41 million, Olmert said.

The city's education budget for the upcoming year is close to NIS 1 billion, up 56 percent from five years ago, the city said.

Yekutieli launches 'Jerusalem Now' party

By AMY KLEIN

The former leader of Meretz in Jerusalem, Omer Yekutieli, announced yesterday that he has formed a new party, Jerusalem Now, and is running for mayor.

Yekutieli was unhappy with the composition of the Meretz list and resigned three weeks ago to form a "non-political" party.

He had been involved with the Meretz and CRM parties for 20 years.

"Someone who is the head of a party with millions of shekels of financial and electoral support would have to be an idiot to resign unless he thought it was the right thing to do," said Yekutieli.

Yekutieli's new party aims to combat religious coercion. "Now is the fight for Jerusalem and only now. If we don't do it now, people will leave Jerusalem," said Yekutieli. "This is the last time that voters are choosing a way of life."

Except for Yekutieli, who heads the list, the other Jerusalem Now candidates have no political experience.

The list, which is still not ordered, includes Ofra Meirson, an educator and wife of Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan; Romi Aloni, a resident of Jerusalem who works with youth; Vaycheslav (Slava) Primisler 31, who emigrated from Russia eight years ago and owns a chain of utensils stores and Rony Hirschenson, a garage owner.

Hirschenson lost his son, Amir, in the Beit Lid terrorist attack in 1995, and founded an organization for bereaved parents.

Playing on Chazan's statement: "If I run, I run to win," Yekutieli said he does not think he will win. "People are not blind," he said. "I'm running in order to get people to vote."



Memorial rededicated

Tommy Beer (left), International president of B'nai B'rith, and Jewish National Fund chairman Shlomo Gravetz, unveil a plaque at yesterday's rededication of the Scroll of Fire memorial, in B'nai B'rith Martyr's Forest near Moshav Kislalon. The monument, whose erection in 1971 was sponsored by B'nai B'rith, was rededicated in honor of Israel's 50th anniversary.

(Ariel Zolotarev)

New 'global weather law' could help forecasters

By JUDY SIEGEL

Although the weather seems in recent years to have gone crazy, scientists in Ramat Gan, Germany and Italy say they have found a method in the madness.

Weather is influenced by things that occurred a year - and even 10 years - ago, they say.

Prof. Shlomo Havlin of Bar-Ilan University and colleagues at the University of Giessen, Germany and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research published their findings in the latest issue of the American Institute of Physics' prestigious journal *Physical Review Letters*, and insist that weather "has a memory."

The discovery of a "new global law" that shows weather "remem-

bers" its previous behavior - meaning that a hotter-than-average day can affect the weather even years later.

This discovery will, says Havlin, improve advanced models of weather forecasting.

"We don't have a proven and exact explanation for the phenomenon we discovered," he continued, "but we have indications that the fact that weather remembers its previous behavior over many years is based on the influence of the oceans and large seas on the atmosphere."

The research, based on data from 14 meteorological stations around the world over decades and even centuries, found that the new law is relevant at each location.

Havlin, who is president of the Israel Physics Society and head of

the Minerva Institute for Chaotic Systems at Bar-Ilan, heads a team that is developing computer programs on science for high school pupils. The weather research received financial support from the Germany-Israel Foundation.

Although there seems to be nothing reliable about the weather, Havlin and his colleagues detected a very long-range consistency they called "the persistence of weather."

Their research was the most thorough multi-year study ever conducted of correlations in daily temperature records by applying techniques from modern statistical physics.

What they do, in effect, is to ask: if the weather is sunny and warm today, what are the chances of it being the same tomorrow, the next day and after x days?

Choosing 14 meteorological stations around the world randomly and factoring out seasonal effects by comparing not temperatures but departures from the average daily temperature, they were able to find persistent rhythms of temperature.

As expected, they observed that after x days, the weather is less likely to be similar to that on day one.

But the particular mathematical shape did not conform to previous expectations: the falloff is not exponential in nature, but the number of days are raised to a specific exponent.

This behavior, with one universal exponent, seems to occur around the world and can be regarded as a "global weather law," Havlin explained.

NEWS in brief

High court rejects petition against Hoter-Ishai

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by the Movement for Quality Government against the appointment of attorney Dror Hoter-Yishai as the Israel Bar Association's representative to the committee that appoints judges.

The movement argued that because Hoter-Ishai has been charged with contempt of court for statements against judges, he should not be able to serve on the committee.

At the start of the session, Justices Shlomo Levin, Eliahu Matza, and Hanoch Ariel asked Hoter-Yishai whether he would be willing to resign from the committee if he is convicted. Hoter-Yishai answered in the affirmative, and therefore the petition was dismissed. *Itm*

Yavin's salary cut satisfies High Court

The High Court of Justice yesterday dismissed a petition by MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) against the salary agreement signed between newscaster Haim Yavin and the Israel Broadcasting Authority. On Monday, the IBA informed the court that Yavin had agreed to a 40 percent reduction in his salary, which will now stand at \$15,393 a month. In light of this, Justices Shlomo Levin, Eliahu Matza, and Hanoch Ariel decided that the petition was superfluous. *Itm*

Worker killed in wall collapse

A foreign construction worker was killed yesterday when a wall collapsed at a building site on Rehov Nahalat Binyamin in Tel Aviv. Police said that it is still uncertain why the accident occurred. *Itm*

Syrian brides reunited with husbands on Heights

The Interior Ministry has approved the entry of 13 brides from Syria, so that they may join their husbands, Druse residents of the Golan Heights.

Seven brides from Syria entered the Golan Heights yesterday through the Kuneitra crossing; on September 3, another six brides will arrive. Interior Minister Eli Suissa, who had promised to address the issue during his visit to the Golan Heights in March, said he hopes this step will help advance relations and peace with Syria. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Bicycle rider dies when hit by truck

Vadim Kotlerov, 59, of Tel Aviv, was struck and killed by a truck while riding his bicycle in the city on Monday night. Police were searching for the truck driver who fled the scene. *Itm*

Manbar lawyers talk to police

Dror Arad-Ayalon, who handled convicted traitor Nahum Manbar's case in attorney Amnon Zichroni's office, was questioned for several hours by police yesterday as they continued to check into possible improprieties during Manbar's trial. Zichroni was questioned yesterday for the third time.

Police said that next week, after Shai Bazak, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's former spokesman, gives his evidence, the special investigative unit will summarize its findings, and present them to the attorney-general two weeks later. A senior police source said it is too early to determine whether they would have to open a criminal investigation. *Itm*

Peddler stabs woman

A junk peddler stabbed a Tel Aviv woman yesterday afternoon in her home when she refused to buy anything from him. The woman, around 60, whose wounds were moderate to serious, was taken to Ichilov Hospital. *Itm*

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Devaluing Boris

Did the president lie? Just over a week ago, he stood in the ancient city of Novgorod and belatedly at his audience that the ruble certainly would not be devalued, nor would he be cutting short his vacation to return to Moscow, as if there was some alleged crisis afoot.

Within 24 hours, battling Boris Yeltsin was back in Moscow, and the ruble was down the drain. It was swiftly followed by the entire Russian government (except Boris) gurgling its way down the political plug-hole for the second time in five months.

And back to the Russians bounced Viktor Chernomyrdin, like a rubber ball in the mouth of Boris, the playful old hound. We may be forgiven for asking if this is any way to run a country.

German bankers may be forgiven for mopping a collective perspiring brow at the thought of the \$30 billion Russia owes them. The ruble expressed its confidence in Chernomyrdin by falling another 10 percent yesterday — it will soon have plunged as many points as the president's popularity.

Thank top

It seems only yesterday that our newspaper's foreign pages were full of political obituaries for Chernomyrdin, and analyses of what the virtually unknown new prime minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, might be thinking.

Britain's Harold Wilson once said a week is a long time in politics — in Russia it seems more like the span of a lifetime career for some. (Kiriyenko must belong to a rare group of prime ministers who can be the same age when they enter and leave office.)

On the other hand, it seems another era has passed since we saw a debonair and courageous Boris Yeltsin adjust his tie for the cameras, and then climb on top of a tank in central Moscow to face down the might of military plotters trying to restore Communist rule. That was 1991, and he has been Mr. Russia since. If he had any hope of quitting as a winner, he should have quit then.

There remains a possibility that an increasingly erratic Yeltsin could make another bid for the presidency in 2000 — stop the millennium, cry the Russians, we want to get off. Depression stalks Moscow's streets as it once did in the twilight gray Communist world. In those days Russians had little hope but lots of security. Today most have few hopes and no security. The rich get richer and the rest get nothing — not even the wages for their jobs or the pensions for their past labors.

Ins and outs

Since there is no government

revenue coming in to finance essential government spending, one of the aims of the late Kiriyenko government was to halt tax dodging by Russia's huge monopolies. Judging by the barely concealed glee of the monopolies — Gazprom shares climbed by 20 percent on Monday — the tax reform plan probably excited in Kiriyenko's briefcase.

Yeltsin said he brought Chernomyrdin back to restore confidence, raising the question of why he fired him in March — to crush confidence? Now there was a success story.

The confidence Yeltsin is seeking to reawaken is not that of the tortured Russian people, but of the shadowy financial monsters who all but bought the president's last election victory and who are the real shadow cabinet behind the revolving-door outfit that comes and goes on a whim.

If the battling Boris of '91 has been devalued out of all recognition into a weary, incoherent and useless wreck, there is no sign of any post-modern Russian hero on the horizon to usher in a new month, much less a new millennium.

On the contrary, after two leaders beloved by the West (Mikhail Gorbachev and Yeltsin) and eventually loathed by Russians, the voters might be forgiven for re-trying an old formula — a leader haled by the West and capable of putting the boot in at home.

Shadow dancers

Yeltsin may have anointed Chernomyrdin his successor, but that could well be the kiss of death for Viktor, who announced his candidacy for president after he was last fired. Potential candidates have danced in and out of Yeltsin's shadow on the shifting sands of Russian politics — here yesterday, gone today, back tomorrow. Some deserve a hearty good riddance, like Vlad-the-Impaler Zhirnovsky, who collected a derisory five percent vote in the 1996 election.

Others, like the dour former general, Alexander Lebed, who sits brooding over his vast governorship of Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, will certainly return. So will Yuri Luzhkov, the successful mayor of Moscow.

Interestingly both are Leftist, both are authoritarian, and like the current front-runner, Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov, neither care for economies that are not centrally controlled.

That's the pick of the bunch — not too bad, but they possess worrying tendencies that a taste of power can only enhance. And if the really old guard were to stage a return, this time there would be no Boris to climb on a tank. One to fall off, sure, but that's it.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Teach to screech

In Mexico, business is thriving for companies that teach executives how to elude criminals

By KEN GUGGENHEIM

PACHUCA, Mexico — It's what driver's education would be like if your instructor was James Bond.

Tire-screaming, rubber-burning, stomach-churning turns at 80 kph. Backing up at 40 kph, spinning 180 degrees, then speeding forward. Veering away from criminals shooting at your car.

Crime is rising in Mexico and business is thriving for companies that teach executives, their families and chauffeurs how to elude kidnappers, robbers and other criminals.

In the last 1 1/2 years, about 1,000 students have taken the course offered by O'Gara Services — three or four times the number in the first 3 1/2 years it was offered, said Jorge Navarro, the training director.

No school can guarantee its students will not become victims.

Instead O'Gara and its competitors strive to teach clients to become tough targets so criminals will pick on someone else.

"There are many more easy victims than difficult ones," Navarro said. "Once you decide to become a difficult victim, it's impressive how your risks are reduced." The price of becoming a "difficult victim" is steep.

O'Gara, a division of Kroll-O'Gara Co. of Fairfield, Ohio, charges the equivalent of \$900 a person for a one-day course for executives and their relatives and \$1,400 for a two-day course for chauffeurs.

Other companies offer similar courses and prices tend to fluctuate with the level of training. Security consultant Richard P. Wright holds extensive training courses near Tucson, Arizona, that includes actual crashes. "We destroy two or three vehicles per course," he said. The three-day class for executives costs \$3,500; the six-day course for chauffeurs costs \$5,500.

"Our philosophy is a little knowledge is dangerous," he said. "People learn a little bit, but not enough, and they get themselves into trouble." Wright said his clients are mostly Mexicans, but other companies train a large number of foreigners based in Mexico.

Most participants in O'Gara's course work for multinational corporations and about 40 percent of the executives are foreigners, Navarro said.

THE O'Gara course begins in a hotel in Pachuca, about 95 kilometers northeast of Mexico City where students are taught to identify dangerous situations and get out of them.



Recently apprehended Daniel Arizmendi Lopez, Mexico's most feared kidnapper, terrorized Mexico City, which is already reeling from a crime wave. Companies such as O'Gara Services teach clients to become tough targets so criminals such as Lopez will pick on someone else. (AP)

"Simply, we put order to the common sense that everyone already has," Navarro said.

That means learning to identify suspicious people or situations when a driver might be vulnerable — approaching a narrow bridge, for example, when there is no room to maneuver.

Avoiding problems can be as simple as pretending to talk to police by cellular phone or slowly approaching traffic lights instead of coming to a complete stop.

When the threat is more imminent, it could be as extreme as backing up suddenly, spinning around and speeding off.

That's where the main part of the training kicks in. It takes place on a sun-beaten auto racetrack a few kilometers away. Drivers learn what to do if precautions fail and they have just moments to react to danger.

The first exercises include weaving through highway cones and learning to stop

suddenly and swerve to avoid obstacles.

By day's end, the exercises become more difficult. In one, the drivers' vision is obscured by a companion holding a plastic plate. The driver moves forward at about 50 kph while the companion holds the steering wheel, keeping the car straight.

When instructors wave a flag, the plate is yanked away and the driver suddenly sees road cones immediately ahead. In a split second, the driver must decide whether to swerve right or left or stop and back up. Meanwhile, O'Gara staffers pretending to be assassins fire away with paint pellets.

On a recent afternoon, Roberto, a bodyguard-chauffeur working for a large Mexican company, nervously awaited his first exercise. Like some of the other 10 participants that day, he was driving a rental car. His boss didn't want to damage a company car.

IN the distance, the flag dropped and Roberto took off. His two passengers swayed from side to side as he swerved around the cones. He didn't knock any cones over, but an instructor found a minor flaw: He was squeezing the steering wheel too tightly.

Turns tend to be smoother when the driver is relaxed.

He continued from one exercise to the next, his speed and confidence growing with each lap. Soon it was a game.

"Whoosaaa," he hollered, laughing. "Let's go boys!" His reaction wasn't unusual. Despite the serious purpose of the training, the exercises often seem like amusement park rides.

"Very important people turn into little children here," Navarro said. (AP)

Smog leaves Parisian kids gasping for breath

By DEBORAH SEWARD

PARIS — Sunny weather means smog in Paris, where traffic fumes not only leave small children gasping for breath, but also are blamed for rising emergency room admissions for bronchial ailments and asthma.

The issue has gained increased attention with the entrance of the Green Party into the governing coalition, and from the release of well publicized studies highlighting what many Parisians already sensed: The air they breathe is filthy and dangerous.

"We feel it more and more," said Helene Cartier, whose baby has been hospitalized once for bronchitis and whose other two children frequently suffer conjunctivitis.

On peak pollution days Cartier tries to keep her children indoors. "It's dangerous for them and for me, too," she said.

A survey in late April by the IFOP polling firm for *Elle* magazine said air pollution is by far the biggest ecological concern of urban women.

Watching traffic crawling down a boulevard next to the park where her kids play, Cartier said: "It's a question of becoming aware of it. The French really didn't have that before."

The fumes coming from all those cars, buses and trucks blanket the City of Light with the same blight afflicting urban areas from Singapore to St. Petersburg to San Francisco.

But Cartier, a lifelong Parisian, wouldn't dream of abandoning her

beloved city for a leafy suburb.

"They need to limit the number of cars allowed into the city. It's very irritating," she said.

An estimated 3 million cars enter Paris every day, and they are the major cause of the yellow haze that veils the city during major pollution alerts.

"The car is king," said Dr. Manuel Maidenberger, a pediatrician who belongs to Respirer ("Breathe"), a group of doctors studying the effects of air pollution in Paris. "The number of cars must be reduced and urban transportation improved."

A major study conducted by the Paris area Regional Health Observatory found emergency admissions to hospitals for asthmatic children jumps 30 percent during maximum pollution alerts.

The report, based on research in 1991-95 and released earlier this year, said pollution is producing a "damaged generation" susceptible to chronic illnesses.

A study in 1996-97 by Maidenberger and about 100 other doctors found that 42% of 250,000 visits to Paris pediatricians were for respiratory problems.

Allergies, bronchitis, chronic coughing and conjunctivitis are among ailments on the rise.

Serious pollution alerts tend to occur when the weather is at its best, those stretches of glorious sunny days when there is little or no wind.

The cloudless weather means there is no rain or moisture to wash away or absorb auto emissions. Without wind, the toxic fumes stagnate in thick smog over

Paris and other French cities.

Last October, after a maximum smog alert, the national government for the first time imposed temporary restrictions in Paris that limited cars with odd and even license plate numbers to driving on alternate days.

Although the measure helped reduce pollution, it caused huge traffic jams and frustrated commuters who were crammed into subway and commuter trains.

Officials are studying other measures, such as more public transport, increasing the number of bicycle paths and further tax reductions for cars with cleaner engines.

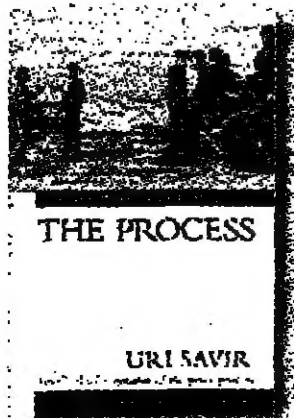
"People are more and more aware of the problem," said Maidenberger. "But they have very few choices." (AP)

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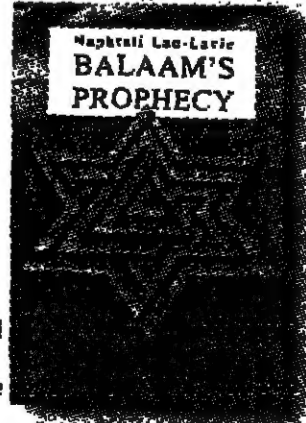
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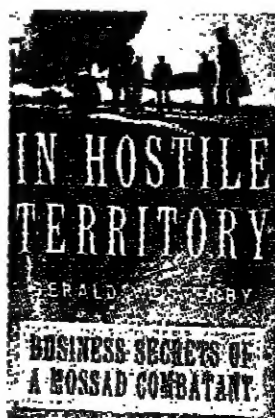


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Blair recalls parliament to pass anti-terror laws

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair, standing near the spot where a bomb killed 28 people, said yesterday that he was recalling Parliament to enact new legislation intended to lock up terrorists.

Blair said both houses of Parliament would be recalled next Wednesday and Thursday, just before President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland.

Under the proposed laws, suspected bombers and gunmen could be jailed for belonging to an illegal organization based on the testimony of a police officer.

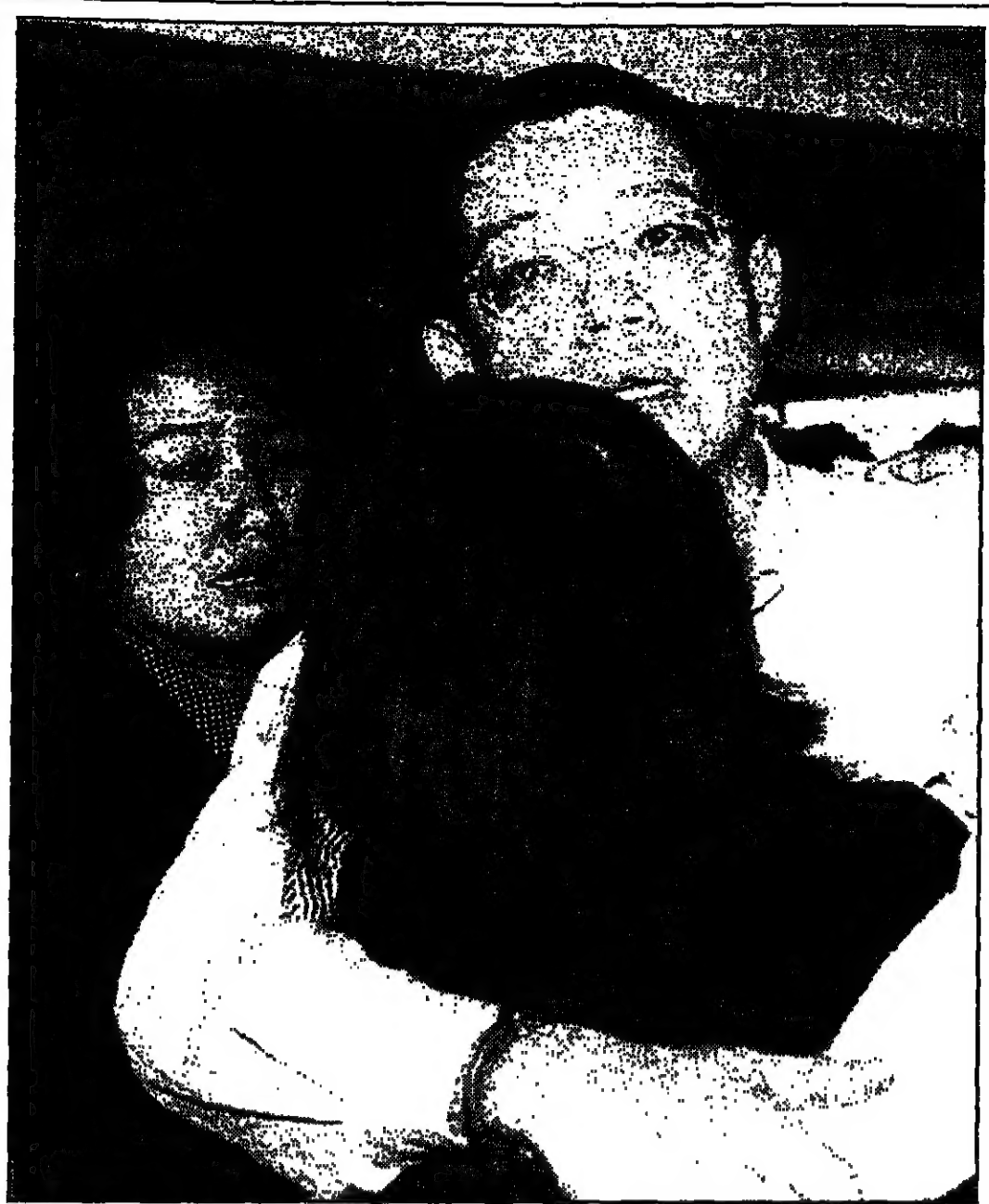
The legislation would apply only to organizations named in the legislation. Blair did not list them in his announcement.

"The days of the men of violence must be consigned to the past where they belong," Blair said, standing at the crossroads bombed on Aug. 15 by the so-called Real IRA, a splinter group which has refused to join in the Irish Republican Army's cease-fire.

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, said Blair's proposed legislation was a "massive overreaction" that could jeopardize the peace process.

"The great danger in introducing these measures is that we could have a situation developing which could have great and serious implications for the peace agreement and Sinn Fein's role within it," Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein spokesman, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. television interview.

The Irish and British legislation is aimed at dissident groups who failed to endorse the Northern Ireland peace agreement accepted by the Irish Republican Army and Sinn Fein. Those groups include the Real IRA, which admitted it planted the Omagh bomb.



Malaysian opposition leader starts jail sentence

Malaysian opposition leader Lim Guan Eng (c) bids farewell to family members before he is driven away in a police car in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The Federal Court rejected Lim's appeal against his sentence for sedition and publishing false news. Lim, national chairman of the Democratic Action Party (DAP) Socialist Youth, will serve two 18-month jail sentences concurrently.

(Reuters)

Ruble tumbles as new PM plans future

By News Agencies

MOSCOW — Russia's ruble suffered its worst fall in nearly four years yesterday as acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin scrambled to put together a government.

President Boris Yeltsin, who sacked the entire government on Sunday for failing to end Russia's deep financial crisis, issued an order to the departing government to continue working until the new team was formed.

But the ruble fell after Russia's top debt negotiator, Anatoly Chubais, who is influential in the West, said any government indecision now could cause serious new economic damage.

The ruble, allowed to devalue last week, fell 10 percent, to 7.88 from 7.14 to the dollar yesterday after trading was twice suspended — the worst fall in a single day since plunging on what became known as Black Tuesday in October 1994.

Ten days ago it was at about 6.2 to the dollar.

"People don't want rubles, it's just that simple," said Dirk Damrau, head of research at MFK Renaissance finance house. "Once this starts, it will continue."

Chernomyrdin, back in his old job after five months in the political wilderness, has said that supporting the ruble is among his chief policy goals.

Yesterday he promised to re-focus economic reforms as he sought to win parliamentary approval and form a new government.

"It's unlikely that we need to remodel completely," he said in an interview as he returned to the job he held from 1992 until March this year. "However, we must deal with a lot of things."

Yeltsin's erratic decisions have

raised questions about his leadership and ability to hold on to power.

"The Russian president has once again demonstrated his famed unpredictability," the newspaper *Izvestia* said. "It turned out that he was not changing horses in mid-course, but changing parachutes during a jump — which, it goes without saying, is a risky matter."

Yeltsin ended a five-week holiday on Monday. During his last two public appearances in the past 10 days he has at times seemed confused.

"It is now clear that Russia not only has no government — it has no president either," *Kommersant Daily* wrote yesterday.

The Russian president, meeting visiting Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong, dismissed fears about his health.

"Now everything is fine," he said.

The Vietnamese leader said Yeltsin looked "younger than in photographs," to which a smiling Yeltsin replied that the fault lay with the photographers, not his health.

In an interview published in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* yesterday, Chernomyrdin said he would change sacked prime minister Sergei Kiriyenko's course.

"The priorities will be: first, the defense of social interests of the population, the paying of pensions and salaries," he said, "and second, a government industrial policy, since purely monetary means did not pull Russia out of crisis."

Critics have said that it was Chernomyrdin's past policy of unrealistic budgets and continuous support of inefficient industries that precipitated the current crisis.

However, his call for more support to state industry will certainly win a sympathetic ear of the Communists and other hard-liners in parliament.

"There are many reasonable people in the Duma whose political support I'm counting on," Chernomyrdin was quoted as saying. The Duma, the opposition-led lower house of parliament, must approve his appointment as prime minister.

But this policy will be resisted by the young free-market reformers who had led the country since Yeltsin fired Chernomyrdin in March.

One reformer who says he wants no part of the new government, Boris Nemtsov, 38, bitterly criticized Chernomyrdin in an interview released yesterday.

"Chernomyrdin never even tried to cut spending. He used credits like a drug," Nemtsov told Germany's news weekly *Stern*. "If Chernomyrdin says now that he can save the country, it is just a joke."

Moscow still had not announced terms, expected yesterday morning, of a restructuring of about \$40 billion worth of domestic debt, having delayed the plan twice in the past week.

Chernomyrdin continued talks with parliamentary parties yesterday on forming a government and was apparently considering opposition demands for a broad coalition.

As analysts fretted about the further decline of the Russian economy, two Russian cosmonauts and a former defense adviser to Yeltsin, Yuri Baturin, landed safely in the Kazakh steppe from the Mir space station.

Chernomyrdin's return created a bizarre space time warp for returning commander Isgat Musabayev and flight engineer Nikolai Budarin, who went into orbit 207 days ago.

Both men went into orbit before Chernomyrdin left office in March and missed Kiriyenko's term, only to find Chernomyrdin back at the helm on their return.

Rebels: Foreigners bombing Rwandan cities

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Angolan and Zimbabwean fighter planes supporting the government of Congo's President Laurent Kabila have bombed a rebel-held city and continue to attack rebels forces southwest of the capital, rebels said yesterday.

Kisangani, Congo's third largest city, was attacked early in the day, said rebel spokesman Bizima Karaha, Kabila's former foreign minister. The city fell to the rebels on Sunday.

"No military objectives were hit, only civilian targets," Karaha said. "They cannot recapture Kisangani, only bomb it from the air. This is terrorism."

Karaha said the commander of the Zimbabwean Air Force was in

Kinshasa personally issuing orders to Angolan and Zimbabwean pilots.

In Harare, senior Zimbabwean officials confirmed that Air Force Commander Perence Shiri is in Congo and has assumed command of the allied forces.

Karaha said on Monday the aircraft bombed rebel positions for an hour at Kasungulu, 30 kilometers southwest of Kinshasa, before the rebels repelled a ground attack from an Angolan unit.

"All they are doing is sending planes to bomb innocent civilians. We hold Zimbabwe and Angola responsible," he said.

He also called on the international community to stop the killing.

Clintonites ponder how to revive a wounded presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overnight last week, President Bill Clinton switched from confessor-in-chief to commander-in-chief. Now Clinton and advisers are wrestling with how to keep the nation focused over the long haul on his leadership rather than his indiscretions with Monica Lewinsky.

Their answer, although skeptics abound, is to get back to popular basics. Advisers say Clinton is strongest when he is among the people, pushing down-to-earth solutions to everyday concerns.

They expect him to doggedly follow that course after his Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, vacation ends and when he returns from a week's foreign travel that also will have the benefit of casting him in a presidential light.

"Clinton is not going to be in-

capacitated by this incident," predicts Colorado Governor Roy Romer, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who expects the president to come out "full force fighting for those values he has been fighting for."

White House adviser Paul Begala also says Clinton won't give up pushing for health maintenance reform and for money to repair and replace old schools and hire 100,000 more teachers.

"As Al Jolson and Ronald Reagan said, 'You ain't seen nothing yet,'" Begala said, predicting that — scandal or no scandal — Clinton will emerge by the time Congress quits for the year with a string of victories on matters of moment to Main Street America.

Outside the inner circle, observers are not so sanguine. Some doubt

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that any strategy can get Clinton back on the initiative after he belatedly admitted an inappropriate relationship with Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

They view his presidency as virtually over, able only to react to events, such as the African embassy bombings that led to last week's widely supported US military attacks in Sudan and Afghanistan.

Former House Republican leader Bob Michel said Clinton crippled himself by the need to admit that he had misled the nation for seven months on his relationship with Lewinsky.

"What he did he's never going to be able to escape," Michel said.

Clinton would be wise to lie low for the time being and "reflect on his relationship to the voters," said David Gergen, who has been a communications adviser to three Republican administrations as well as to Clinton.

Ultimately, he said, the president may find it useful to return to the nation with a fuller exposition on his relationship with Lewinsky and his lack of candor with the country. Some have suggested a one-on-one television interview reminiscent of his 1992 60 Minutes appearance; it had the effect of neutralizing questions about his relationship with Gennifer Flowers, who said she had a 12-year affair with Clinton and that his gubernatorial office in

Arkansas helped her get a state job.

Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster, said Clinton would regain his footing by going to the country promoting health, education and Social Security proposals.

Just as Richard Nixon did with a tour of the Middle East in the troubled summer of 1974, Clinton will seek success overseas.

Next week he flies to Russia, which is threatened by a worsening political and financial crisis and needs a friend. He also visits Northern Ireland and Ireland, where he is wildly popular and will be greeted as a peacemaker.

But foreign travel didn't do much for Nixon. Investigators kept investigating in his absence. Two months later, Nixon was forced to resign.

Texans scramble for safety as deluge hits

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — Ned Carta made himself a promise: If rising water from the creek reached his back fence, he wasn't sticking around to see what happened next.

In the dark morning the raging San Felipe Creek lapped at his back door. "I just packed up my wife and baby and we loaded up. The water was up to my headlights," Carta said.

Much of the family's possessions were lost in the fast-rising water, but they were the lucky ones. At least seven died in this

border town of 34,000 people, and 30 were still missing today.

State troopers and Border Patrol agents searched devastated neighborhoods along the creek this morning, looking for the missing.

State game wardens in boats searched the flooded creek. Many streets remained closed, but some people were allowed to check on their homes.

In addition to the deaths here, the Mexican government said three people were killed in Ciudad Acuna, across the border, and four were missing.

Greek job-seekers no longer have to swear to God

ATHENS (AP) — Greeks may no longer have to swear to God to get a government job, it was reported yesterday.

But they won't be able to work in the some parts of the public sector if their religious beliefs don't let them use weapons or computers.

According to a decision issued Monday by Greece's highest administrative court, the Council of State, people seeking a job in the civil or military services may soon be offered an alternative to the mandatory religious oath.

The decision is expected to set a precedent for all public sector jobs. A declaration of allegiance to the constitution and country will remain compulsory.

It could also further bolster a growing debate for a constitutional amendment to fully separate church from state.

Greece's Orthodox Church is recognized as the country's official religion and strongly influences public life. More than 90 percent of the country's 10.2 million people are baptized into the church.

7 indicted in plot to kill Castro

By MICHAEL J. SHIFFEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven Cuban-Americans were indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on charges of plotting to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell said the indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in San Juan, Puerto Rico. But he did not immediately provide details of the charges or identify the defendants.

In Miami last Thursday, attorneys for two leaders of the Cuban American National Foundation said they expected to be indicted this week in connection with an

alleged plot to kill Castro during a trip to Venezuela's Margarita Island.

The attorneys for the foundation's president, Francisco Hernandez, and Jose Antonio Llama, a member of the lobbying group's executive committee, would not say specifically what charges they expected to be filed.

Castro himself has accused the Cuban American National Foundation of plotting to kill him.

An investigation began in October when the US Coast Guard stopped the 14-meter vessel *La Esperanza* off Puerto Rico and found weapons, ammunition, and

military supplies.

One of the four Cuban exiles aboard the boat allegedly blurted out that the men were on their way to Margarita to assassinate Castro, who was to participate in a summit meeting.

Records showed that one of two sniper rifles seized on the boat was purchased by Hernandez and that the yacht was registered to Llama, authorities said.

Castro's government has repeatedly accused the foundation and its members of financing armed attacks against Cuba. The group maintains it works peacefully for democracy on the island.

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Australian youth walk out of classes in the fight against racism

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Anti-US rally in Indonesia

A student wearing a mask shakes his fist in protest outside the US Embassy in Jakarta yesterday. Demonstrators protested against the US missile strikes on alleged terrorists in Sudan and Afghanistan. (AP)

SYDNEY - Australia's children are crying out for their future.

In unprecedented scenes, thousands of school children have twice walked out of classes to stage protests against far right politician Pauline Hanson and her anti-immigration One Nation party and what they say is its racist agenda.

Young Australians are regularly in the front line of rowdy, and at times violent, anti-Hanson protests around the nation.

University students have also staged protests against racism and Prime Minister John Howard's government, which they accuse of failing to combat Hanson's anti-youth policies.

Behind the angry protests lies despair among young Australians about their future, fueled by record youth unemployment and one of the world's highest suicide rates.

After being politically dormant for more than a decade, young Australians have returned to the streets to defend their future and demand that political leaders take a stand against a rising tide of racism and intolerance.

"The emergence of One Nation is a threat to Australia - it is scaring me and scaring a lot of other high school students," 13-year-old Emma To told Reuters.

"Pauline Hanson is threatening my future," To said.

On July 24, To walked out of Sydney's Glebe High School carrying a placard

condemning racism and One Nation and its anti-immigrant, anti-Aboriginal policies.

To, the daughter of Hong Kong Chinese migrants, joined thousands of other school students to march from Sydney's Town Hall to the prime minister's office, chanting "Migrants are welcome, racists are not."

"Racism made me angry and I decided I should protest against it," To said. "My parents did similar things back in the '70s and '60s and they agree with what I am protesting against."

Danny Fairfax, 16, from Sydney's Fort Street High said: "Just because we don't vote doesn't mean the way the world is run doesn't affect us. But since we can't vote, this is one form of getting our message across."

School students say they are fearful that One Nation, which has become a third force in Australian politics behind the government and the Labor opposition, is leading Australia toward a less tolerant society.

"If we protest then the carers, the mums and dads and teachers and principals, may see that the students are right - that racism is disgusting, that it is a disease and it will spread," said 16-year-old Kieran Barley.

In a rundown building opposite a brewery in Sydney's inner western suburbs, a broken sign hangs above a locked front door declaring in large letters "Resistance" the youth arm of the Democratic Socialist Party and headquarters of the latest protests.

The first floor office is wallpapered

with posters championing the world's oppressed and calling for the downfall of "dictators" and an end to injustice. Bookshelves are full of tracts by Lenin, Stalin and Marx.

"Our first walk out showed the anger and outrage of young people at the rise of racism," said Sean Healy, 26, Resistance's national coordinator.

"Our second walk out will organize that anger into a definite movement against racism in this country. This time we're calling on all young people - university and technical college students, young workers - to join our walk-out," Healy said.

School students plan a national walk out on August 28.

"And this time we will be specifically targeting the federal government. We're not accusing them of doing nothing."

We're accusing them of being racist themselves," Healy said.

Talkback radio jockeys have condemned the students as ignorant victims of subversive forces but the reality is that only a few students have joined Resistance recently.

"They think we are manipulated and brainwashed. The ones that are brainwashed are the racists, because you are not born racist, it is the society that makes you a racist," says To.

Parents defend their child's right to protest.

"Students are protesting the explicit racist policies of an emerging political party. I don't care if the devil himself organized it," says Bev Baker, president of the Federation Parents and Citizens

Association of New South Wales state.

"I think it says an enormous amount about our youth. I think it demonstrates that our young people are our future."

Young Australians say their future is under threat on several fronts and complain that no one is listening.

They are angry with record youth unemployment of 29.9 percent, compared with a national rate of around 8%, and say funding cuts to education and youth welfare are forcing kids onto the street.

Each week 10 young Australians commit suicide and more than 1,000 make unsuccessful suicide attempts, according to community group Here For Life. Earlier this month 2,500 white crosses, representing the number of youth suicides in the past five years, were planted in the lawns outside Australia's parliament.

"Young people must have a chance to be part of sculpting the landscape, not just a topic of debate, as if they were some distant problem to be talked about but not listened to," says Democratic Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, 28.

"Young people deserve a greater say in the future."

The National Union of Students (NUS), which represents university students, hopes the street protests now erupting like bushfires across Australia are the beginning of a youth movement which will give young people a political voice.

"Hopefully it will lead to young people articulating a vision for the future," says NUS official Damien Cahill. (Reuters)

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In 'The Lady Eve,' one of Preston Sturges' finest films, Barbara Stanwyck plays a coldblooded con woman looking to fleece a brewery heir (Henry Fonda).

Hollywood's high priest of humor

By KENNETH TURAN

One of these days, wisecracking shoplifter Barbara Stanwyck says to prosecutor Fred MacMurray as he offers her a drink she assumes is meant to seduce, "one of you boys is going to start one of these scenes differently, and one of us girls is going to drop dead from surprise." Preston Sturges, who wrote that line in *Remember the Night* and hundreds of others in dozens of films, was pre-eminently the boy who started scenes differently. Words intoxicated him, and he knew just how to make them jump. The first Hollywood writer to segue to solo directing, winner of the first best original screenplay Oscar, Sturges made some of the best American comedies ever produced, combining slashing wordplay with chaotic slapstick and completely unbinged plots in a way no one has even thought about duplicating.

Determined to become what he called "a prince of the blood," Sturges offered to sell Paramount his script for *The Great McGinty* for \$1 for the chance to direct. The 1940 film not only won

Sturges his Oscar, it proved to be the first of seven hits in a four-year span, a burst of creativity that has had critics shaking their heads in awe ever since.

This year, the centenary of Sturges' birth (August 29), is both the best of times and the worst of times for the man who was as gifted a writer-director of comedy as the US has produced.

All manner of commemorative events, and screenings are being held in the US but when the seriously flawed AFI list of 100 best American films was released, not one of his splendid comedies was on it. Though Sturges, who died in 1959, is a household name to knowledgeable film fans, there are apparently still a discouragingly large number of people who've resisted sampling his work.

Sturges was a master of comic exasperation, a filmmaker who loved to match the rich against the conniving, the glib against the grasping, just for the pleasure of seeing what would transpire.

For novices intending to get a sense of what Sturges was about, three films are essential: a pair from 1941, *The Lady Eve* and

Sullivan's Travels, and 1942's *The Palm Beach Story*. All of Sturges' films are notable for the strong and savvy roles they offered to actresses, but Barbara Stanwyck made the most of her opportunities. In *The Lady Eve*, perhaps the most brilliant of Sturges' films, she starts out as a coldblooded con woman looking to fleece Henry Fonda's awkward snake fancier and brewery heir and ends up taking advantage of a plot-swirl-too-quick-for-words. On the *New York Times* 10-best list for 1941, this film was first. *Citizen Kane* second.

In *The Palm Beach Story*, which Sturges wrote for Claudette Colbert, the actress plays a woman in flight from her penniless inventor husband (Joel McCrea), only to hook up with the richest man in America (Rudy Vallee) and his party girl sister (Mary Astor). Added incentives include the director's usual cast of irresistible peripheral characters (watch out for the Wienie King) and Sturges' storytelling philosophy, neatly expressed by Colbert, that "sex always has something to do with it."

Sullivan's Travels is probably Sturges' signature work, both a

pointed satire on Hollywood and a poignant defense of screen comedy. McCrea plays a major studio director, fresh from the success of *Hey, Hey in the Hayloft* who'd rather do the socially conscious *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou* than piffle like *Ants in Their Pants* of 1939. McCrea's Sullivan sets out to find the real America and runs into the sultry Veronica Lake along the way.

Also great fun are the films Sturges wrote but didn't direct, like the Stanwyck/McMurray *Remember the Night*, directed by Mitchell Leisen, where the shoplifter and the district attorney discover they're both from Indiana and decide to share a ride home for Christmas. "The picture," Sturges later wrote, "had quite a lot of schmaltz, a good dose of schmaltz, and just enough schmaltz to make it box office."

Less frequently on screen and just as entrancing is *The Good Fairy*, which shows what happens when an orphan movie usherette named Ginglebush tries to do a good deed and causes all sorts of havoc. Making the film special is the irresistible Margaret Sullivan (better known for *The Shop*

Around the Corner), one of those luminous actresses for whom there is no equivalent today.

The Spencer Tracy-starring *The Power and the Glory*, a 1933 drama about a powerful business tycoon, has an elaborate non-chronological flashback structure would be famously echoed eight years later in *Citizen Kane*. The best place to see Sturges in embryo is in 1931's *Strictly Dishonorable*, an early stage-bound sound-film that faithfully transcribes the 1929 Broadway hit play that was Sturges' first writing success. Sturges had nothing to do with the film version, but when he saw it he wrote producer Carl Laemmle that he "found himself deeply interested and admiring my own play. Nothing could be lower than this."

The key thing to remember about Preston Sturges movies is that they were the out-and-out funniest of their day. No one, typically, put it better than the man himself when he wrote "there are few humorists in any given time and I must be one of them in my time. Or else why were all those people laughing?" (Los Angeles Times)

Deutsche Grammophon's 'Got Rhythm'

CLASSIC DISCS

By MICHAEL AZENSTADT

Although comparatively young, Gil Shaham has been one of Deutsche Grammophon's leading stars for several years now.

His newest album, *American Scenes* (DG 453 470-2), is a delightful compilation of 20th-century American violin and piano works, which opens with a most delectable rendition of three preludes by Gershwin and then features the intriguing sonata by Copland and the premiere recording of the sonata by Andre Previn, who is Shaham's accompanist at the piano through this entire disc.

Previn, one of the most encompassing musicians of our time, is as intriguing when he conducts, plays the piano or composes. His sonata is truly a turn-of-the-millennium opus which looks back with sentimentality at the past century and with hope to the future, played with purity and clarity by Shaham's sweet sounding violin.

What opens as a seeming light-hearted American album clearly emerges as a very captivating journey through musical terrains not often trodden by the violinists of today.

More Gershwin and more Previn comes in *We Got Rhythm: A Gershwin Songbook* (DG 453 493-2) in which Previn the pianist is joined by bassist David Finck to deliver 14 Gershwin standards like "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Oh Lady Be Good" and "S Wonderful" to name a few, in a language that hovers between the classical and the jazz worlds with ease.

Previn is intrigued by the jazz idioms of classical music (as his fine recording of works by Scott

Joplin with Itzhak Perlman shows) and here one senses that some of his younger enthusiasm has changed into a more melodramatic approach. This Gershwin is subdued, and at times sentimental and penetrating.

German conductor Christian Thielemann is considered one of the leading masters of the future. Conducting Wagner overtures and preludes out of their full operatic context is not that easy and indeed in Thielemann's new disc, *Thielemann Wagner* (DG 453 485-2), with the Philadelphia Orchestra one immediately senses the difficulty of playing this music by itself.

These preludes are intrinsic parts of their respective operas. By themselves they are always engaging to listen to, but although the Philadelphia Orchestra plays in superb warm sound, Thielemann seems to treat these preludes, and especially the *Parsifal* ones, as independent works, which they are not. Only when performed in their right context can they make real sense and here one misses that connection in spite of the obvious integrity of the performance.

Welsh bass Bryn Terfel is one of the darlings of the opera and classical-music world in past few years and has already more than a few recordings to his impressive emerging discography. However, his new Handel disc, *Handel Arias, Bryn Terfel* (DG 453 480-2) is quite different from his previous recordings.

Here one encounters a more reflective, introverted and much less dramatic Terfel, a singer who revels in the articulation of the words through the music. His vocal range is impressive, his warmth of tone encompassing and his musicianship foolproof. Yet the 20 numbers on the disc begin to sound rather redundant after a short while, and the variety one would usually encounter in any opera aria disc is nonexistent.

Saturday night's alright for chamber music

By MICHAEL AZENSTADT

The coming season's chamber-music concerts at Tel Aviv's Israel Music Conservatory (starting in late November) is the most comprehensive and impressive the conservatory has come up with in years.

Fourteen different programs through the season feature a large variety of chamber music ranging from Handel to Miles Davis, from Mozart to Schoenberg and from Beethoven to Duke Ellington.

All concerts at the conservatory are to take place on Saturday nights and subscribers can choose any combination of performances, from four (NIS 130 to NIS 200) to 14 (NIS 315 to NIS 480). Students get 50% off these prices and soldiers in uniform can come to individual concerts free of charge.

Among the highlights of the coming conservatory season are the opening concert, with the Philharmonic String Sextet playing Brahms and Schoenberg; a Handel program with arias, cantatas and sonatas, the Israel Woodwind Quintet playing Villa Lobos and Poulenc, and the visiting Tchaikovsky Trio from Paris playing Copland, Smetana and Tchaikovsky.

There is yet another, perhaps even better, reason to rush to the conservatory next year. The beginning of its new two-year-long series of all the Beethoven piano sonatas, performed in the order of their composition by a large variety of Israeli pianists.

The first seven concerts, featuring 19 of the 32 sonatas, will take place in this coming season with the rest following a year later. All concerts are to be Friday at noon, and subscription prices for the first year are NIS 170 to NIS 250.

The intriguing feature of the series, aside from the fact that it focuses on some of the most important piano sonatas ever written, will be various pianists presenting their individual rendition of the sonatas, as opposed to following one specific pianist in his or her own foray into this massive repertoire.

The conservatory has announced an impressive list of many of today's leading Israeli pianists, including Emanuel Krasovsky, Daniel Gortler, Aviram Reichert and Shlomi Shaban. It is not yet clear, however, which pianist is playing which sonata.

Growing up the Spock way on Channel 8

By BARRY DAVIS

How disillusioning to see one's idols revealed as mere mortals. Especially when the idol is the author of the baby and childcare bible your parents consulted while raising you.

One of America's most powerful postwar iconoclasts, a man whose effect was felt from the family-centered Fifties into the groovy Sixties and the psychedelic Seventies, who suffered this fate was the famed and formerly feted pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock. He was the first children's doctor to break away from the Victorian disciplinary approach to child-rearing and categorize parental love as the most important ingredient in the raising of children.

Channel 8's incisive documentary on Spock (*Growing Up The Hard Way*, tomorrow night at 9:55) paints a detailed picture of a child growing up in the material - if not physical - comfort of an affluent American East Coast family.

The viewer may be forgiven for growing a trifle listless early on as the litany of Victorian injustices inflicted on the young Spock takes up a generous portion of the hour-long program. But, as we see later, the Spartan conditions imposed by Spock's domineering mother (which included attending classes alfresco during biting New England winters) were to have a lasting and decisive influence on the good doctor's lifestyle and teachings.

Growing Up The Hard Way is a well-presented documentary, as aesthetically crafted as it is informative. The subject's New England roots are graphically alluded to throughout, with several of the interviewees shedding light on Spock's character to a backdrop of russet-colored, psy-



Dr. Benjamin Spock was incapable of practicing what he preached.

chedelic-looking foliage, while more leaves flutter across the screen as we delve back into the various chapters of the celebrated doctor's career.

The documentary-makers enjoyed the advantage of a generous amount of cine-camera

footage of Spock's early life and of his first steps as a family man in his own right.

All seems to be well in the household of the child Benjamin. Home movies reveal proud parents showing off their progeny who, although generally unsmil-

ing, appear to have their spiritual and emotional welfare well tended to. But, reality rears its ugly head time and again as Spock's sons expose their famed father's parental shortcomings in some painful and clearly uncomfortable confessions.

The childcare expert's younger son, John, tells us in the starkest of fashions that Spock did not practice what he preached.

"My father never kissed me," he exclaims in a fit of candid angst while vigorously wringing his hands.

Perhaps the most blunt message the documentary delivers is that, despite our best efforts to escape our roots (which it appears is exactly what Spock wished to do), we are in fact unable to do so.

An entire generation of American babies was weaned on the mores and wisdom of Spock's *Baby and Child Care*, which the Pocketbook Library prophetically commissioned in the 1940s - before anyone realized they were in the middle of a cultural phenomenon which would come to be called the Baby Boom.

Spock's manifesto, delivered to a welcoming public shortly after the end of World War II, became an instant classic. Postwar parents, we are told, were looking for a more liberal way of preparing their loved ones for the realities of life. Enter Dr. Spock.

In the 1950s, Spock could have been comfortably labeled with the oft-used epithet "a legend in his own time." And by the 1960s he was ensconced in the role of the wise old doctor and grandfather.

It wasn't just their parents who worshipped at the altar of Spock, the Spock-spawned generation related to the childcare expert because he shared their interests and concerns. The baby doctor was an avid supporter of John F.

Kennedy's presidential campaign - and at this point in the documentary we are treated to an crudely staged televised bout of mutual back-patting between Spock and Jackie Kennedy.

The pediatrician's pacifist political activities were no secret and made Dr. Spock a hero in the eyes of the anti-war rock 'n' roll generation whose upbringing he helped to fashion though, as the Vietnam War raged on, his well-publicized politics got him into trouble with American Conservatives.

He even prompted a Hollywood-style quip from Ronald Reagan, who entertained an audience of well-heeled, cigar-puffing Republicans by stating: "Dr. Spock's babies have grown up, which is probably more than we can say for the doctor."

Spock is ultimately portrayed as the preacher who was incapable of practicing his own teachings. Despite his attempts to break away from his own upbringing he ends up becoming the archetypal Victorian-style father - his younger son tells us that his father would content himself with shaking his son's hand after a long separation. And instead of helping his wife with her problems - which eventually led to an alcoholic abyss - Spock divorced her, marrying a woman 40 years his junior just one year later.

Possibly the ultimate demystification is offered by one of the interviewees who sums up the legendary doctor's life work by saying that rather than being considered revolutionary, Spock became known as the great traditionalist.

Unfortunately the documentary has dated since it was made. It tells us that the nonagenarian Dr. Spock still swims, sails, and continues to write about baby and child care, which indeed he did, up to his death earlier this year.

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When more is not better

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron's call to end the practice of appointing two chief rabbis - Sephardi and Ashkenazi - is a bold and welcome move. Bakshi-Doron called the perpetuation of the current system an "ethnic stain."

If the rabbinate is to be truly revolutionized, however, another stain must also be removed: the stain of politics.

For a long time, the idea of appointing a single chief rabbi was considered too controversial to consider, so much so that just five months ago MKs Alex Lubotzky and Yossi Beilin took some flak for including this proposal in their proposal for a "new covenant" between religious and secular.

As Sephardi chief rabbi, however, Bakshi-Doron is in exactly the right position to pronounce the maintaining of a legal distinction between Sephardim and Ashkenazim an embarrassing anachronism. There is no reason, for example, why the Rabbinical Council - which chooses the chief rabbis - should be formally divided into Sephardi and Ashkenazi members. Fifty years ago such measures were necessary to prevent discrimination; now they do more to perpetuate discrimination than remedy it.

In addition, there is no reason to continue the duplication of tasks throughout the rabbinical bureaucracy. Just as there are two chief rabbis nationally, many cities have two chief rabbis, again for no good reason.

This duplication is small potatoes compared to the plethora of local religious councils, each of which is a burgeoning bureaucracy in itself.

Last summer, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman proposed eliminating these councils, and transferring their functions to a department of each local authority. At that time, Bakshi-Doron sounded sympathetic to the proposal, but fell short of unequivocally endorsing it.

Monday's convention of rabbis would have been a good place for Bakshi-Doron, and his colleague Rabbi Yisrael Lau, to openly call for eliminating the religious councils. They know that the councils have little to do with providing services, and a lot to do with political patronage.

About a dozen years ago, Shas MK Aryeh Deri called for abolishing the religious councils. The NRP had succeeded in dominating them politically, and Shas saw them as a threat. Now that Shas has substantial influence on the religious councils, it has joined the NRP in opposing their abolition, while United Torah Judaism, which has been left out, wants to eliminate the councils.

Just as the Histadrut was a nominally separate body that became an arm of the Labor Party, the religious councils have become a playground for political jockeying among the religious parties. While the Histadrut has since been transformed into a more conventional, less partisan, labor federation, the religious councils are inherently superfluous, since their administrative functions belong in the regular municipal bureaucracy.

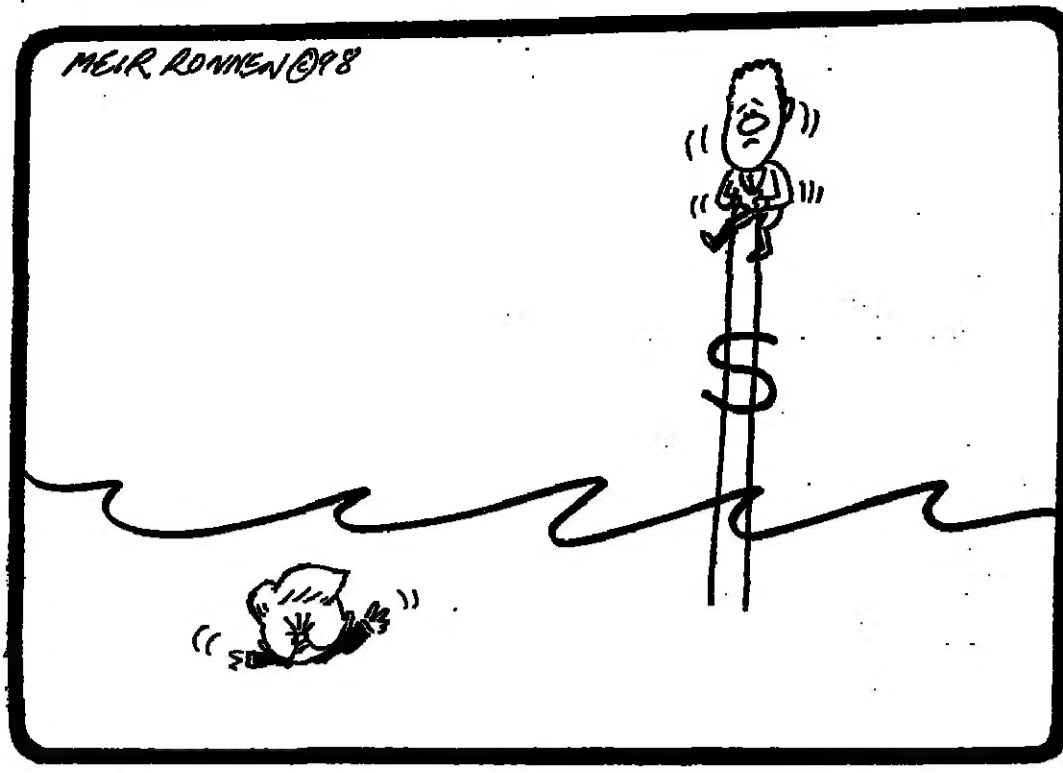
Consolidating the separate Ashkenazi and Sephardi bureaucracies and eliminating the religious councils would go far in saving taxpayers' money and improving the debased image of official religious bodies.

Perhaps more importantly, it could free the rabbinate to pursue functions that have fallen to outside bodies by default.

As the representatives of the nexus between the nation and religion, the rabbinate should be in the forefront of efforts to reform the fraying religious-secular status quo. Rather than resisting, or remaining aloof from, sensible proposals such as the Lubotzky/Beilin "new covenant," the rabbinate should pick up the glove.

If the rabbinate is incapable of constructive influence on the major religious-secular dilemmas of the day, perhaps it should close up shop. Though separation of religion and state is currently an anathema here, it would seem that the rabbinical leadership would have a greater influence on society if it shed its political shackles rather than remaining part of the system.

So long as the rabbinate continues to be a source of spoils for the religious parties, it cannot fulfill its potential as a unifying force, and it will increasingly become an argument for its own elimination.



The pullback game

MOSHE ZAK

In spite of his statement in Oslo that there is progress in the negotiations with Israel, it appears increasingly likely that Yasser Arafat wants to reach May 4, 1999 without any agreements, even with reference to the second withdrawal in Judea and Samaria. He seems unwilling to pay for an agreement by annulling the anti-Israel clauses in the Palestinian National Covenant, and losing the ethos of a war of national liberation.

At first the PLO leader planned to gain as much territory as possible in an agreement with Israel, in order to have a territorial basis for the declaration of independence. But as time passes and there are only nine months left until May, there is not enough time for a complete withdrawal that would allow him to create the new crisis which is vital for him to create the atmosphere for a war of national liberation.

It's possible that this is why Arafat is digging in his heels and making no effort to reach an agreement, even though he has already received an undertaking from Israel that the second withdrawal will comprise 13% of the territory of Judea and Samaria.

In the few remaining months, he will face countless economic and social problems, so he wants to reach the ceremony in which he will announce the independence of Palestine with a deep rift with Israel forming the glue to unify his own camp. For the same reason, he wants the Palestinian National Covenant to be unchanged, including all its anti-Israel clauses.

Perhaps Arafat has decided that it's better to gain 13% by a unilateral step of his own as part of a dispute with Israel and not as part of an agreement with it, since the lack of agreement creates inertia for Israeli withdrawal and mass excitement among the Palestinians that will enable the expansion of borders.

Maybe his dream is to emulate David Ben-Gurion, for whom the UN decision on November 29, 1947 was the basis for the War of Independence, in which the nation's borders took shape.

Some object to this theory on

the grounds that even before the Oslo agreement the PLO had formed a new policy of accepting any territory that Israel would peacefully give to the Palestinians. So it's likely that the Palestinian leaders will prefer to get 13% in the near future with a struggle with Israel, instead of waiting for May 1999 to try to gain the territory by a violent confrontation with Israel.

On the face of it this claim is very

Arafat's confidence that Israel will acquiesce to his declaration of statehood in May 1999 spurs him to leave the 13% withdrawal until then

logical, but the Palestinian Authority doesn't just use logic. The objective of maintaining national reason until the Palestinian declaration of independence leaves its traces on Palestinian policy, including the obsessive objection to amendments to the Palestinian National Covenant, which Arafat reaffirmed at the time of the Hebron agreement.

In Oslo this week there were celebrations of the fifth anniversary of the initialing of the agreement between Israeli and Palestinian representatives. In the agreement, which was signed a month later in Washington, the PLO was mentioned by name, and Israel recognized the PLO after its leader accepted Israel's conditions that he would undertake to annul the anti-Israel clauses in the Palestinian National Covenant and unambiguously disassociate himself from terrorism and from the use of force against Israel.

EVERYONE knows what became

of the commitment concerning the anti-Israel clauses in the Covenant. But people have ignored the more serious breach of the undertaking which formed the basis of the Oslo agreement, with reference to the threat of violence.

Until recently the Palestinians threatened to renew violence if Israel didn't accept their conditions concerning the second withdrawal. Recently Palestinian representatives have ceased making these threats, but they are preparing for a second violation of the agreement: a unilateral declaration of independence and borders, without negotiating a permanent settlement with Israel, as required by the Oslo agreement. Palestinian leaders have no qualms about declaring that the Palestinian state will be born in nine months. Where do they get this chutzpah?

It's not inconceivable that one of the reasons the PA is risking this potential breach of the Oslo agreement is the impression, in Gaza and Ramallah, that Israel will not send tanks to stop the Palestinian police (whose numbers are much greater than the agreements permit) from starting a war of independence and shaping the borders of the Palestinian jurisdiction.

Arafat sees the frequent statements by Israeli politicians, even those who are no more than candidates in municipal elections, in support of a Palestinian state, as a green light for his plans for nine months. If he thought it was risky he would speak more carefully.

Arafat's confidence that Israel will accept his declaration in May 1999 also spurs him to think that it's better to leave the 13% withdrawal until the declaration of independence, and not waste time on detailed negotiations with Israel.

Then he will be able to boast that the liberation movement that he commands freed territory through its own strength, and didn't gain it via negotiations with Israel. The example of the development and survival of the Palestinian National Covenant is meant to be a signal for the continuation of the struggle.

Text and sub-text

DAVID NEWMAN

It is exactly a year since this column began to appear on a regular basis. Writing a newspaper column is, of course, vastly different from academic writing.

It is, by its very definition, more polemical, slightly provocative, aimed at involving the reader and getting him/her to agree - or disagree - with the views expressed. It is designed to arouse discussion on topics and issues which are, so the writer believes, central to the lives and political beliefs of the readers.

It never ceases to amaze me how people react to a newspaper column, particularly how different people read completely different meanings into the same words.

Very few people read the text for what it is; most are trying to find out what is hidden between the lines, what is not stated explicitly or, in today's jargon of the social sciences, what is the sub-text of the article.

Take, for example, the diverse responses I received to a recent column about "grabbing land." Four responses, two from right-wing supporters of West Bank settlements, and two from left-wing opponents, were all quite different.

One irate reader complained bitterly that I had joined ranks with the worst of Israel's enemies, justifying the murder of the two settlers at Yitzhar because they had been involved in staking out land for future political claims.

The fact that nowhere in the article had such a statement been made, or even alluded to, was of no consequence. Given the known left-wing preferences of the writer, it was, for this particular reader, obvious as to what was left unsaid.

Another reader, a resident of a West Bank settlement no less, actually congratulated me for the article, arguing that it was about time

that someone on the Left of the political spectrum equated the contemporary struggle for land in the West Bank with that of the Zionist pioneers of the 1920s and 1930s. Rather than describe the West Bank settlers as a small, radical, group of militants whose activities deviate from the accepted framework of the Zionist enterprise, this equation was, in his view, a more acceptable explanation.

AND THEN, of course, many of my friends and colleagues on the Left took me to task for even suggesting that there was some form of comparison to be made between the early Zionist pioneers and the West Bank settlers.

For them, the former was part of the noble cause of land reclamation and state formation, while the latter is no more than illegal robbery of lands belonging to another people and which have been occupied by Israel since 1967. The kibbutzim were justified in taking land, the West Bank settlers were not.

And finally, there were also those on the Left who, while strongly objecting to the activities of the West Bank settlers, begrudgingly accepted the comparison.

But while the right-wing respondent saw the comparison as a means of justifying contemporary events in the West Bank, my left-wing critics saw this as a reason to delegitimize even the activities of the early Zionists. This too, in their view, was part of the colonial enterprise, of European settlers coming to the Middle East and dispossessing the native Palestinian inhabitants of their ancestral lands.

With the exception of the first

interpretation mentioned above, the other three readings of the text are equally correct.

Which one was intended by the writer? All of them and equally none of them. The way in which texts are read and interpreted by the reader tends to reflect the reader's existing political views and beliefs. It is rare for an article to have such an impact that a reader suddenly decides to change his/her views, although it may result in questions being raised and discussions taking place.

More often than not, it is the sub-text which reflects the readers' interpretation of the words, the way in which he/she wants to read the column, rather than the way in which it is actually written and may, or may not, have been intended.

In a country such as Israel, where heated political debate is part of popular culture, such diverse responses are to be expected. It would be a lack of response which would set this writer worrying - perhaps no one is interested in what he has to say, perhaps the issue raised is not central to the current social and political agendas of the readers?

For as long as we feel involved, the debate will continue to be lively and, in some cases, unruly. We do not just politely "beg to differ," rather we label each other as "traitors," "fascists," "colonizers" and/or "lacking in values."

And if the text provides the framework for the discussion or debate, it is the reading of the sub-text which fills it with content for each individual reader. The alternative would be a rather boring "normal" country, where we pay little attention to the decisions taken by politicians, and do not get annoyed by the provocative comments of an op-ed writer.

No, thank you.

Don't read this!

JONATHAN YARDLEY

It is true that, with the possible exception of other people's money, there is no subject of more compelling interest than other people's carnal relations.

How else to explain the stacks of *National Enquirers* in the supermarkets, or the audiences for Sally and Geraldine and Montel, or for that matter the enduring popularity of "Othello"?

Mea culpa. I am as intoxicated by this stuff as is anyone now reading these words, including those who would sooner take vows of celibacy than admit to any interest in the amatory adventures of Elizabeth Taylor, Madonna or - a how to the golden oldies - Wilbur Mills.

Without embarrassment, I admit to reading anything I can fix my eyes on about the pleasures, illicit or otherwise, in which others delight, and the more eminent the others, the more heightened my interest.

These days, though, prurient curiosity is meeting the ultimate test: boredom and excess. Not merely is there too much in the air about other people's sex, there is entirely too much detail about it, and, worse, too much of that detail is unrelentingly sordid.

Those who have been following the news need no further evidence, but in case you were on holiday last week, you surely would want to know that, as this newspaper reported, the president of these United States and commander in chief of its armed forces, testifying before a federal grand jury, "acknowledged receiving oral sex" from the celebrated Monica Lewinsky.

Food for the imagination, that! Feast on it for a while, if you can stand the images it provokes. But, no, the mind will not admit the picture of those two engaged in whatever it was that so ardently engaged them. Better, as they say across the Atlantic, to think of England.

Or, if you are thus inclined, of J.D. Salinger and Joyce Maynard.

Almost at the exact moment when we were being treated to these accounts of presidential coyness, the September issue of *Vanity Fair* appeared on the newsstands, and in the mailboxes of those (mea culpa!) foolish enough to subscribe to it. Therein is an all-too-extensive excerpt from what the magazine promotes as "Joyce Maynard's memoir of her teenage affair with America's most reclusive writer."

Affair? This word, suggesting as it does passion and pleasure, however forbidden, has approximately as much to do with what Maynard describes as it does with what Clinton and Lewinsky told the grand jury, but that does not prevent Maynard from giving us all the disagreeable details of her sexual encounter (to borrow the vogue phrase) with the notorious reclusive. Indeed, so vivid are those details that there is no place for them in this family newspaper. Thus, once again, you must let your imagination do it for you.

This, mind you, was published in a magazine of immense national circulation that can be found on the coffee tables of the privileged and self-regarding from Martha's Vineyard to Rodeo Drive.

Inasmuch as poor self-exploitative Maynard was taken to the woodshed in this space late last year, when it was first disclosed that her memoir of "Jerry" Salinger was in the works, it is pointless to subject her (or you!) to more of the same.

Enough said. What matters in this context is that Maynard seems to feel it as much her duty to spare us no detail of her sexual non-initiation as Lord High Executioner Kenneth Starr seems to feel it his own duty to spare us no detail of Clinton and Lewinsky in their den of iniquity. The press, for its part, carries the water of all concerned: *Vanity Fair* and Picador broadcasting Maynard's message, The Washington Post and every other newspaper doing the same for Kenneth Starr's.

In the case of the first of these, the pure, unvarnished profit motive is there for all to see: cashing in on Salinger's notoriety and Maynard's logorrhea. In the case of the second, it is more complicated. Though various persons having various axes to grind have accused the press of publishing so much about La Lewinsky in order to enrich itself, newsroom journalists rarely think in such terms: they are out sniffing for the news, and print it however it may appear.

"Just doing my job" may seem a sorry excuse for such goings on, but the job of the press is to report the news. My own view, which is from somewhere between inside and outside, is that the press has shown considerable restraint. It's the Clintons and Lewinskys and Maynards who are stinking up the joint.

(The Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONLY GOD KNOWS

Sir - Now that US politics has achieved something of the visceral and vindictive nature long associated with the Israeli product, perhaps Israelis will see what happens to a political system in which the announced sole purpose of the opposition is to dislodge the elected government. I certainly hope so.

God alone knows what will be

the end effect of the present artificial scandal upon the future of the United States. But Israel, if only because of its size, is far less resilient, and can far less afford to so debate its political discourse.

STAN GOODMAN

Kiryat Yitvon.

WHO DO YOU CRITICIZE?

Sir - I would like to echo Irvin E. Schermer's complaint against Yossi Beilin (No leg to stand on, August 18). Beilin is critical of Netanyahu but hardly ever criticizes Arafat.

It is Arafat who is killing the peace process by not living up to his agreements. Worse yet, Arafat's threats to destroy Israel as embodied in the Palestinian charter is so reminiscent of Hitler's

threats to go to war if the appeasers of his day would not surrender Czechoslovakia. Yossi Beilin should know that Arafat's interpretation of the Oslo Accords as the "Peace of Mohammed" is not a true peace and will only harm Israel.

MAISH RUBIN

Beersheba

FREE THE DETAINEES

Sir - Article 10 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948 says that every prisoner is entitled to have a fair trial. But in Khiam Detention Center in the "Security Zone" in South Lebanon about 130 Lebanese detainees are held without charge and without trial.

Some of them have been held there for 12 years. They are not allowed to receive visits or letters from their families and lawyers, and delegates from the International Committee of the Red Cross are not allowed to visit them. Why?

Israel claims that Khiam Detention Center is controlled by the South Lebanon Army, but since Israel occupies the

"Security Zone," it is also responsible for what happens there and for the conditions of the Lebanese detainees held in Khiam Detention Center.

A lot of people in Denmark are worried about this situation that damages Israel's international reputation, and we think that Israel should fulfill its responsibility according to the international standards and release all detainees in Khiam Detention Center, unless they are charged with criminal offenses and given fair trials immediately.

AASE LARSEN
KIRSTEN WORM

Denmark.

THE PRESIDENT'S ROLE

Sir - I wish to relate to the hypocrisy of the right-wing parties regarding President Ezer Weizmann's criticism of them.

When President Weizmann criticized the Rabin-Peres government, the right-wing supported him, saying that he is legitimately expressing the public's opinion. Now, when the president is doing the same against the current government, the right claims that "he is crossing red lines."

In my view, President Ezer Weizmann has learned the lesson from his uncle, first President Chaim Weizmann, which is: Do not succumb to government attempts to silence you!

As it is well-known, after his appointment, the first president asked Prime Minister Ben-Gurion to allow him to aid in negotiations with the Arabs. Despite his knowledge of Chaim Weizmann's diplomatic skills, Ben-Gurion refused and declared the political scene to be off-limits to the president.

I think that had President Chaim Weizmann been allowed to get actively involved, a comprehensive peace agreement would have been achieved by 1952.

RAZ JOSEPH

Beersheba.

KKL SALARIES

Sir - We are told that the heads of the Jewish National Fund (KKL) get the same salary and benefits as the prime minister by the interesting logic that running KKL is as complicated as running the government. It seems to me that even if that premise is true, then the two KKL heads should split a single salary, since after all, we have only one PM for the whole government.

Let the two KKL heads ride in a single car as well.

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ

Elazur.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 26, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that fighting had flared up again in Jerusalem. Arabs had advanced from their new positions near Government House, which was in the Red Cross zone, attacking the northern sector of Talpiot, under

cover of heavy fire. Other quarters were also shelled and mortared, but all attacks were driven off by the Army's return fire.

25 years ago: On August 26, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported from Moscow that Arab ath-

letes danced and mingled with Israelis in front of some 50,000 spectators at the Lenin Stadium in Moscow during the ceremonies closing the Seventh World University Games.

Alexander Zvielli

Keeping that chemistry going

The lights dim and soon two couples are arguing on a color television screen, their 26-inch-wide confrontations petty, irritating, embarrassing — in other words, classic married life.

One woman is upset that her husband watches football all weekend.

"It's not right," she tells her spouse, who can only shrug and look heavenward. The other wife scolds her husband for "not once in 10 years" pouring detergent into the washing machine before putting in a load of dirty laundry.

The video ends, and Howard Markman poses the big question: "So which of these couples is going to divorce?"

The audience of marriage counselors sniffs it out pretty easily: Mr. and Mrs. Tide.

Their conversation was too negative, too accusatory, too unforgiving, they say. At one point, the husband claims he had "not really thought" about when laundry detergent should be dispensed.

"Whatever you do," Markman says with a grin, "if you've been hearing about something for 10 years, don't tell your wife you've never thought about it." In this case, predicting divorce was no great trick. The couple's problems were far from subtle.

But in his research on marriage at the University of Denver's Center for Marital and Family Studies, Markman has done much better.

After 21 years, he claims he can predict with an "80 to 90 percent" certainty when newlyweds are headed for divorce.

Forecasting divorce is not his goal, of course; preventing it is. But the fact that marital strife is so predictable demonstrates what

Teach people how to be married, and they're more likely to stay married, family researcher Howard Markman tells Peter Jensen

Markman espouses: Teach people how to be married, and you raise the odds of success.

"It's far easier to keep happy couples happy than rescue them from the brink of divorce," the professor says. "There's always magic and chemistry at the beginning of a relationship. The key is to help couples avoid doing things

that actively erode the chemistry." Speaking last month to a gathering of family therapists, researchers and advocates at a national conference on marriage in a Washington suburb, Markman and fellow psychologists at the Denver center explained how various factors — some beyond a couple's control — can spell doom for a relationship.

Were your parents divorced? Have you or your spouse been divorced? Are you different religions? Are you poor? Younger than 26 when you married?

Answer yes to any of these and your odds at a successful marriage are diminished. Even living together before marriage — something nearly two-thirds of all couples do — can elevate your chances for divorce by 15 percent, Markman said.

"Being less committed makes them less resistant to divorce," said psychologist Scott Stanley, a colleague at the Denver center. "For them, marriage becomes less important, less special." Even more critical are what Markman calls the "dynamic" factors.

Using extensive questionnaires and videotaped interviews, researchers study how couples relate to each other in considerable detail.

Do they avoid conflict? Do they not communicate effectively? Are their arguments highly negative or accusatory? Has there been physical abuse? Do they have irrational expectations of marriage or their partners? Is there a lack of commitment or motivation?

While the static factors like divorce history or religion are unchangeable, couples can do something about the dynamic factors, the researchers note.

IMPROVING a marriage doesn't necessarily require complete personality overhauls, either. The Denver researchers have developed a program that requires just 12 hours over three days to complete.

Called PREP for "Prevention and Relationship Enhancement



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Program," the workshop teaches couples how to communicate more effectively and manage conflicts. It is not unique, Markman noted.

Other courses with similar goals have sprung up across the country as part of a "marriage education" movement.

The results are encouraging. Couples who completed the PREP course in one five-year Denver study were one-sixth as

likely to divorce as those who hadn't.

But critics point out that such studies tend to be flawed — couples are not selected at random, and those who seek marriage education are probably less likely to divorce anyway. Even Markman admits that more long-term studies are needed.

Nevertheless, the fact that the risks of divorce can be predicted

so easily shouldn't be discouraging: Growing numbers of studies strongly suggest couples can at least improve their odds at happiness.

"You have to make your partner and your marriage an important priority in your life," Markman said. "Go out and have fun. But you also have to treasure your partner, honor your partner." (The Baltimore Sun)

The acid test

Can your relationship be saved? Denver researchers use this test to predict whether relationships are headed for trouble.

Evaluate the following statements for yourself, not your partner, using a 3-point scale: 1 — almost never, 2 — once in a while, 3 — frequently.

• Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name-calling, or bringing up past hurts.

• My partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings or desires.

• My partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I mean them to be.

• When we have a problem to solve, it is as if we were on opposite teams.

• I hold back from telling my partner what I really think and feel.

• I think seriously about what it would be like to date or marry someone else.

• I feel lonely in this relationship.

• When we argue, one of us withdraws — that is, doesn't want to talk about it anymore — or leaves the scene.

In a nationwide survey, the average score was 11. If you scored 13-17, it suggests "yellow light," a need to strengthen the relationship. Eighteen and higher is a red light, an indication that your relationship is at significant risk.

(Source: PREP Educational Products Inc.)

Never say one child is better than another



By Ruth Mason

In my last two columns I wrote about how parents can diminish sibling rivalry by giving children a chance to pour all their feelings about their siblings into an understanding ear; and about how parents can intervene — effectively — in sibling fights.

The ideas are taken from Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish's *Siblings Without Rivalry* (Avon Books), a new edition of which was published this year. The book also covers three other pitfalls that are crucial for parents of siblings to avoid: making comparisons, trying to give equally and labeling children.

According to Faber and Mazlish, comparing children just feeds their feelings of rivalry. It's hard never to compare one child with another, but we all know that saying something like "Why can't you be as neat as your sister?" never produces a tidier room.

So instead of saying, "I know I can count on your sister when it's her turn to do the dishes, but I can never count on you," try describing the problem: "I see a

sink full of dishes waiting to be washed."

Even favorable comparisons can be harmful. Rather than the vengeful feelings the above comparison might incite between siblings, seemingly positive comparisons may elicit guilty feelings of being "better" or more loved than a sibling, adding fuel to the fire of rivalry.

If you want to make your three-year-old feel good, you say, "You're a big boy. You don't leave your things lying around like the baby," your son might think: "I'm better than the baby."

But if you simply describe what you see or feel: "I see you picked up your blocks, your truck, and even put away your puzzle pieces," he will be more likely to think: "I'm a good cleaner-upper."

He feels reinforced without reference to or comparison with his little brother.

WE ALL know what it's like to try and scoop exactly equal balls of ice cream into three bowls so that no one feels she has gotten less. In our zeal to prevent jealousy, we bend over backwards to try to be fair.

But as one mother in a Faber-Mazlish workshop put it, "The children could never get enough and, as a mother, I could never give enough."

Children, say Faber and Mazlish, do not really want to be loved equally. They want to be loved uniquely, for the special people they are. And they need to be given to according to their personal needs, regardless of what

their brother or sister gets.

So when your four-year-old says, "You gave him more than me!" you might point out the facts: "I did not. You each have four pancakes." Or you could focus on that child's needs: "Oh, are you still hungry? Would you like another one?"

And when your 12-year-old asks, "Who do you love best?" instead of the pat, "I love you all the same" (which no child ever believes), try something like: "Each of you is special to me. You are my only Tali. No one could ever take your place. No one has your thoughts, your feelings, your smile. I'm so glad you're my daughter."

WHAT role did you play in your family of origin? Were you the

brain, the beauty, or the bad one? It seems that when parents put kids in roles, two things happen: They not only feel they have to live up to them; their siblings feel a need to carve out a different role for themselves. And it gives them more fodder for the fighting mill.

After all, if you're occupying the position of "the smart one," it's taken, and no one else can occupy it.

Let's say your little one comes crying that his big brother hid his ball again. You're exasperated. You say, "Mati, why are you always so mean?"

But think about what message this gives both Mati and his younger brother. Instead, why not use that wonderful skill of describing the situation? "Mati, your

brother wants his ball back." If Mati says something like, "I know I'm mean," you need to point out the other possibilities: "You can also be kind."

Another thing you can do is free your child to assume more positive traits by not letting his siblings lock him into a role.

So when little brother says, "Mom, Mati's mean. He won't lend me his truck," you could suggest something like: "Try asking him differently. You may be surprised at how generous he can be."

Those interested in leading workshops based on Faber-Mazlish ideas can get a catalog of their materials by writing to P.O. Box 37, Rye, NY 10580 or calling (US) 914-967-8130.

'Grands camp' teaches both sides a bit about life

At a week-long retreat in upstate New York, grandparents and grandchildren hang out together — with no parents allowed. Susan Levine reports

Julia Loebel and Kevin Larcher just spent a week deep in the Adirondack Mountains doing things they'd never done before. One day, they canoe-danced. Another day, they square-danced. At night, they lay on their beds and talked uninterrupted about life, about his interests, her past.

Loebel is 75, Kevin only 10. She is his Illinois grandmother, and he is her California kid. They were alone in the woods — alone in that Kevin's mom and dad were nearly 3,000 miles away. But they were hardly by themselves, not with 53 other grandparents and grandchildren from New Mexico to Maine for company.

Parents were expressly not invited.

A special kind of magic takes hold every summer during the several weeks that "grands camp" comes to Raquette Lake, a distant spot within the lush, hemlock forests of upstate New York.

Nanas and grandpas, sometimes well into retirement, hike with trail mates who are barely in grade-school careers. They sit elbow to elbow painting papier-mache puppet heads or singing fireside tunes or applauding goofy jokes.

"This is the first time we've ever had a chance to talk by ourselves," Kevin told his grandmother one evening.

"That's right," Loebel replied.

THE results, says the camp's founder, reveal the emotional and spiritual bonds that exist between these generational bookends, the inherent need each has for the other.

Psychiatrist Arthur Kornhaber has spent more than 25 years studying this relationship and has concluded that a grandparent's role is critical — and vastly unappreciated.

"It's not paid attention to because it's not considered a sexy or interesting topic. It's equated with old age, and nobody wants to talk about it," he said one recent morning, paddling with his own grandsons on the dark and glass-smooth lake.

Kornhaber, who is 65, relishes talking about it. About how a grandparent may be historian, teacher, confidant and friend. About the impact grandparents' presence can have on their grand-

children, making them "broader, deeper people."

"They feel more secure than the average child," he said.

The benefits also trickle up, he is convinced, bringing "meaning and joy" to a time of life that society values little. Kornhaber suspects medical research would validate his belief that a strong relationship with grandchildren provides a real physiological boost for an elderly person.

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"It's health-giving," he said. With more than 60 million grandparents in the US, the message is a mission, and the reason he and his wife, Carol, created the Foundation for Grandparenting in 1980.

It's also why, several years later, the couple scouted for a place to run a sleep-away camp. Their effort began as interest in inter-generational activities was taking off in the US.

Today, offerings abound. The Boston-based Elderhostel, which specializes in educational programs for older Americans, runs grandparent-grandchild courses on everything from the Civil Air Patrol to the Grand Canyon. A Chevy Chase, Maryland, agency caters exclusively to the same dual clientele with "Grandtravel" trips all over the world.

But the families who come to the Adirondacks say they learn just by being together.

"Want to take a walk with me?" David Stearns, 68, asked grandson Patrick during an afternoon lull.

This summer marked the Bethesda, Md. grandpa's sixth camp year with one child or another, but it was Patrick's first. The day before, they'd trooped through the woods to a sun-speckled lake where the six-year-old had goose-bumpy fun clambering over rocks in the water.

"Okay," Patrick agreed happily.

SINCE its start in 1986, the camp has been at Sagamore, a postcard-perfect national historic site with a log-cabin lodge and cottages that once were the private playground of Alfred Vanderbilt and his offspring.

The servants long ago disappeared — campers have to bus their own trays in the dining hall — but the accommodations are only moderately rustic.

Still, there are no televisions, no videos and, between each session's opening Sunday dinner and closing Friday lunch, little diversion from nature.

Katherine Gay of Vienna, Va., was uncertain whether her granddaughter in Florida would be interested. At 11, Jennifer Gay is both giggles and platform shoes, a winsome child racing toward puberty.

"I thought what I was saying to her was going to sound corny. You know, campfires, marshmallows," recounted Gay, 61, sitting on an ashen piece of driftwood as Jennifer hovered around in the lake.

But the girl was immediately enthusiastic on the phone. "It all sounded cool to her," Gay said.

Kornhaber isn't surprised. "These kids have incredible needs for you," he tells the seniors during afternoon group meetings while the junior campers are doing art and drama. "These kids are genetically wired to be with you."

Back home in Santa Fe, N.M., Kornhaber and his wife live only minutes from their two grandsons. A few families at Sagamore in

early August enjoy similar situations, but hundreds if not thousands of miles separate most.

They say they maintain regular contact through telephone calls and visits, but, according to Kornhaber, they are the exceptions. He estimates that 75 percent of grandparents have absolutely no relationship with their grandchildren.

Sometimes that's because the grandparents have retired, checked out and moved away. Kornhaber

admitted a three-time grandfather, Henry DePhillips, 61, of Connecticut.

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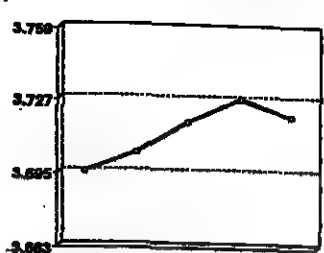
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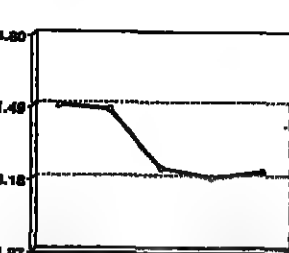
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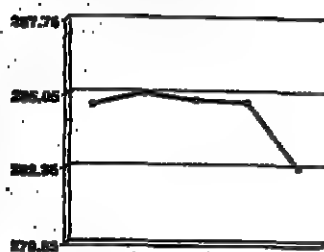


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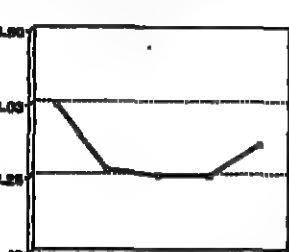
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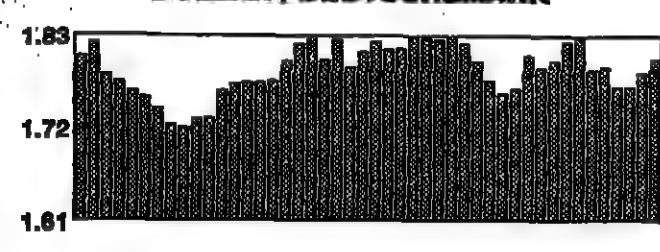


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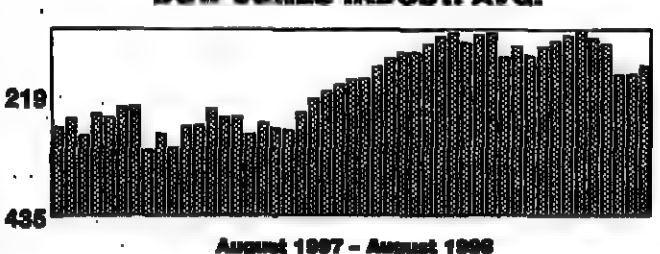
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Polgat suffers NIS 75.28m. loss in 2nd quarter

Polgat Ltd., the Petah Tikva-based textile concern, moved into the red in the second quarter, reporting a NIS 75.28 million loss yesterday, compared with a profit of \$935,000 in the same quarter last year, mostly due to a one-time loss from the sale of its retail activities to Gof-Kitan.

The deal with Kitan, which paid NIS 22m. for the retail operations, is to take effect next week. The sale was made as part of a change in company strategy to focus on exports, which rose by 30% in the quarter to \$67m., compared with \$31m. last year.

Revenues in the second quarter were up 7.2% to NIS 162.74m., compared with NIS 151.45m. in the same quarter last year. Total one-time costs in the quarter were \$18.3m.

The company said that as part of its reorganization it intends to separate its Bagir line and Polgat Textiles into two separate companies.

The company said it planned to boost production of Bagir clothing by establishing a joint venture in Egypt and buying a production facility in Portugal to supply Europe.

In May, Polgat signed a deal to establish a joint venture in Jordan to do sewing, in which it is to invest \$2.6m. Polgat said it would boost the process of moving its production to countries with lower labor costs.

Nina Gilbert

Wertheimer opens \$10m. industrial park

The new \$10 million Lavon industrial park has been opened by industrialist Stef Wertheimer, near his Tefen park in Galilee.

The Lavon site is 5 km. south of Tefen and covers some 120 dunams. It has five buildings with some 12,000 sq.m. of industrial space.

The Lavon park was established after demand for space at Tefen exceeded the supply. It will be managed by the Tefen park management.

The Tsur College for industrial studies is to relocate to Lavon from the Tefen park.

Nina Gilbert

Benefits approved for projects worth \$33m.

The Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center this week approved capital investment aid for projects worth \$33m.

Under a ministry order to aid international projects, tax benefits were also approved for Merhav's \$11.7m. work in services and planning for the Turkmen gas project.

The ministry also approved aid for a \$2.2 million expansion to Geo Interactive Media Group's Givatayim facility for developing Internet applications.

Nina Gilbert

Phoenicia: European glass being dumped here

By NINA GILBERT

Phoenicia Glass Works, the Yeroham-based maker of glass containers, has filed a complaint with the Industry and Trade Ministry against the import of competing products from Europe, which it says are being dumped on the local market.

The company, a subsidiary of Koor Industries, submitted information which it says shows that glass containers are being imported from Spain, Greece, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Turkey and sold here at lower prices than charged in Europe.

Aryeh Bar, head of the ministry's Trade Levies Department, said the ministry has launched an investigation.

The government can impose a levy if it is shown to be causing industry here real harm, Bar noted.

Phoenicia chairman Savinoam Avivi said the imports are hurting the factory's sales and could threaten the company's existence.

A Canadian company, Consumers Packaging Inc., recently became a partner in the factory, which has some 300 workers.

The Manufacturers Association yesterday issued a protest against the government's slow handling of dumping cases, saying in other countries the incidents are resolved within months.

However, Bar said that under international law, the ministry has a year to resolve such complaints.

At the same time, he said that levies approved by a public committee - on Spanish steel, PVC from the US, and MDF from several countries - and signed by Industry and Trade Ministry Natan Sharansky have not yet been implemented because Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman has been refusing to sign the orders.

Neeman has been opposed to signing such orders because the Treasury wants to ensure competition.

Sharansky: '99 already a lost year

By DAVID HARRIS

Current fiscal and monetary policies mean 1999 will be a wasted year for the economy, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday.

"To my dismay, the budget proposal proffered by the Finance Ministry does not provide a solution to the disturbing unemployment statistics," he said.

On Monday, the Central Bureau of Statistics said the jobless rate had hit 9.4 percent during the second quarter, meaning the number

of people out of work and actively seeking employment in that period increased to 213,200.

"The policies of the Treasury and Bank of Israel are a breeding ground for the growth of unemployment in the future, too," Sharansky said.

His renewed criticism of macro-economic policy came as the CBS announced industrial production showed 2.5% annualized growth during the first half of the year, but no growth between April and June, according to initial figures. At the same time, the number of

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hours worked declined 0.5% between January and June.

The central bank's integrated index of economic indicators, published yesterday, showed a 0.1% fall in July, after declines of 0.6% and 0.7% in May and June respectively.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman this week began a round

of talks with cabinet ministers in a bid to persuade them to accept the Treasury's 1999 state budget proposals. Ministers have already agreed to set the overall budget at NIS 217 billion, with expenditure at NIS 173.8b. However, the particulars will only be decided when the cabinet meets on September 6.

Neeman also spoke to the media in a bid to show the government is implementing the correct economic measures. "Unemployment will only fall if we press forward on the road to reducing government

expenditures on consumption and their transfer to creating an appropriate economic infrastructure for the country," he said. "This will allow the business sector to create jobs. That is the only way."

Dan Gillerman, the chairman of the Federation of Chamber of Commerce, accused Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel of being virtually singlehandedly responsible for the jump in unemployment. His policies are "likely to mean that the governor himself will be the next one to lose his job," he said.



A British Aerospace handout photo of an artist's impression of an Airbus A320 in British Airways livery. British Airways confirmed yesterday that it has ordered 59 of the European-built planes.

BA to buy planes from Airbus for \$8.5b.

By ANDREA NOTTMAN and FREDERICO TOMESCO

PARIS (Bloomberg) - British Airways Plc said it will buy as many as 220 planes worth as much as \$13 billion from Airbus Industrie and Boeing Co. to revamp its fleet as it gets ready to take on more competition in Europe.

Europe's largest airline said it will buy as many as 188 A320 planes, the first time it has ever ordered aircraft from the European partnership. The move deals a blow to Boeing, which loses its role as the airline's exclusive supplier. BA said it may buy up to 32 planes from the US aircraft maker.

"Although some of its markets are looking fragile, BA is making a statement about the long-term

growth prospects," said Guy Kekwick, an airline analyst at Goldman Sachs. "Some of the Airbus planes it bought today will go to Air Liberté and TAT - proof it's optimistic about its European regional operations."

BA plans to fly smaller planes and offer more frequent services to target business travelers, the most lucrative customer. Airlines have increased services to Europe since the removal of barriers last year. Europe is becoming more important as slumping Asian economies damp growth prospects to the region.

BA said it will buy 59 A320 planes, taking options for an additional 129. BA also said it is placing orders for 16 Boeing wide-body 777s, with options for an additional 16.

The order for A320-family

short-range jets, worth as much as \$8.5 billion if all options are exercised, marks one of the French planemaker's biggest victories against Boeing Co., the world's biggest aircraft maker. The Boeing order will be worth as much as \$4.8b.

For Boeing, the loss of its role as BA's only supplier caps one of the worst 12 months in its history as it struggles with production bottlenecks that helped push it to a full-year loss.

Though it usually holds two-thirds or more of the world's aircraft market, the Seattle-based planemaker trailed Airbus in first-half orders.

BA has the largest fleet in Europe, with about 350 planes, including subsidiaries in France, Germany, and its half-dozen franchise carriers. The carrier

needs the short-haul planes to replace older Boeing 737s in its European network.

"We think Europe will see big increases in point-to-point traffic, this fleet really takes this into account," said Michael Blunt, a spokesman for BA.

The Airbus planes will be equipped with engines made by International Aero Engines, a consortium that includes Rolls-Royce Plc, United Technologies Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney unit, and Germany's MTU. Rolls-Royce said in a statement that its share of the order could potentially be worth more than \$830 million.

Airbus is a partnership made up of British Aerospace, France's Aerospatiale SA, Germany's Daimler Benz AG, and Spain's Construcciones Aeronauticas.

BIRD to invest millions in biotech project

By JUDY SEGEL

The US-Israel Binalational Research and Development Foundation (BIRD) will support a joint project of Biotechnology General-Israel and the US startup company MVP.

The two companies will develop a drug for people suffering from patients with gout and cancer well as organ transplant patients, who have inflammation due to the accumulation of uric acid in their joints and kidneys.

The medication is meant for patients whose existing treatment for the inflammations has not been effective and sometimes even endangers their lives. It will be one of the first original drugs to be developed by an Israeli company, according to BIRD Foundation director Dov Hirschberg.

The cost of developing, production and marketing of the new drug will total \$20 million to \$30 million over a period of 10 years and the BIRD Foundation will cover up to half of the cost without getting a percentage of ownership from the companies; however, it will receive royalties from sales.

It's unusual for a local pharmaceutical company to get involved in such an expensive, long-term project, and for an established Israeli firm to initiate a partnership with a US startup.

"The situation is usually the opposite - an Israeli startup and an established US company," Hirschberg noted.

The potential sales of the drug could reach \$500 million, as tens of thousands of patients will need it.

Biotechnology General-Israel will start marketing the drug, called PEG-Uricase, in another five years, and MVP will get royalties.

The medication contains an enzyme taken from a mammal that is meant to break down excess uric acid, along with a blocking compound that prevents the immune system from rejecting the enzyme.

Clal to buy 60% of Ace

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Clal Consumer Leasing yesterday announced that it has reached an agreement with retail chain Super-Sol and paint producer Tambour to buy 60 percent of Ace-Kneh-Uvneh for NIS 49.2 million.

The agreement replaces a previous agreement in which Clal was to acquire 11% of the do-it-yourself chain for NIS 7.9m., while holding an option to acquire the remaining 49% by the beginning

of 2003. Following the deal, Ace-Kneh-Uvneh, which operates 10 stores, will be fully owned by Clal Consumer, which is controlled by businessman Gad Ze'evi.

Following the completion of the deal, Super-Sol will receive NIS 32.8m. for its 40% stake, while Tambour gets NIS 16.4m. Super-Sol said it expects to report a capital gain after tax of some NIS 7m., while Tambour is expected to present a capital gain of about NIS 3.5m.

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Tottenham might just reach for the Sky

It has not been the best of weeks for Tottenham Hotspur. As if Saturday's 3-0 home defeat to Sheffield Wednesday was not bad enough - which it was - the club is being splashed across the newspapers for all the wrong reasons. Only two games gone, but already coach Christian Gross is as close as one can get to being relieved of his duty. And the Swiss role of dishonor continued on Saturday with defender Ramon Vega being booted off the pitch at halftime to the extent that he was not brought on in the second half.

To rub salt into the wounds, Sheffield's Italian midfielder Benito Carbone said that Spurs must be a bad team if his outfit can beat them 3-0. At the end of the game a posse of angry fans were in the parking lot hurling abuse at chairman Alan Sugar, and just to complete the misery, Manchester United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer turned down a move to Tottenham on Monday after negotiations around his desired £20,000 per week contract fell through.

Then came the bombshell. It appears that the club are in nego-

tiations with none other than Rupert Murdoch, proprietor of the News International empire, to actually sell. As Murdoch owns the Sky broadcasting conglomerate, buying Tottenham would certainly make an interesting addition to his empire. Both Tottenham and News International are so far denying this rumor, but stock analysts point out that the time is ripe for Tottenham to sell.

This season, cynical fans were wondering why the only purchase the club made was to lure Sam Chisholm to the club as a media consultant when the team which had only just escaped relegation last season, were desperate for talent on the field. Chisholm used to be with Sky and has presumably been involved in behind-the-scenes negotiations.

Murdoch already owns the Los Angeles Dodgers and has part shares in the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks. His company also owns the rights to every major team which appears on American cable television. His alleged plans to buy Tottenham would be part of a strategy to have

more of an influence over the setting up of a European Super League with all the implications for lucrative television rights.

Sugar, for his part, may well have had enough. If he were to get out now - or "jump ship" as one tabloid put it - he would leave with about £40 million, not a bad return on his initial investment of £11 million in July 1991. Never a man to mince words, Sugar said in 1995 when the subject of similar criticism: "I've worked my nuts off for Tottenham and what do I get? Abuse from these rat bags."

Reports from the ground on Saturday suggested the players actually looked frightened to set foot on the pitch and the problems in the dressing room were accentuated by a rumor that Gross's team talks at halftime were in languages other than English. But Gross is not at all perturbed by the criticism of his management skills. Speaking from the training

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Mark Rivlin

ground where he had called the players in for some overtime on Sunday morning he told BBC Radio that he did not think he would get sacked. "I can understand the frustration, but we have only played two games. I am staying on."

The fans would be quite pleased with a takeover by Murdoch, because it would mean money would become available for players. (The main criticism levelled at Sugar is that he has not made enough money available for transfers). Certainly the sight of a Tottenham team reduced to pumping long balls up the pitch on Saturday was what most grated the fans, some of whom will remember the glory days of the Sixties when they had one of the most cultured teams in the country.

Now, if you happen to be in the Nottingham area this week, don't mention the name Pierre Van Hooijdonk. The Dutch World Cup

star is basically on strike after refusing to honor his contract from the start of the season. He was reportedly upset about the club not investing in players for the new season and said he did not want to be part of a team which could well be candidates for relegation.

Forest started the season with a defeat at Arsenal, but on Saturday, a wonderful goal by former England midfielder Steve Stone secured their first win of the season. Now the rest of the team have made their feelings clear about Van Hooijdonk. Stone said that the player would have to get changed in a separate room, but it looks highly unlikely that this "Gentlemen and Players" situation will arise as Van Hooijdonk is not prepared to honor his contract and come back.

On the field, it has certainly been the week of the small spenders as unfashionable Charlton Athletic head the Premiership after their 5-0 victory over Southampton on Saturday. A hat-trick by Clive Mendonca secured the points and appears to vindicate manager Alan

Curbishley's decision not to have an influx of foreign name stars. Drawing on last season's successful promotion campaign from the First Division when team spirit was an important factor, Curbishley decided to go along with his blend of youth and experience and now finds himself the subject of the kind of media attention normally reserved for the likes of Alex Ferguson.

Finally to Match of the Day. The BBC football highlights program celebrated its 34th birthday on Saturday with a replica of the same game it started with all those years ago - Liverpool and Arsenal.

Commentator Barry Davies observed that the Arsenal back four on Saturday was not the same one as in 1964, although it may seem like it to fans. Once again, the strength of Dixie Dixon, Nigel Winterburn, Steve Bould and Martin Keown came to the fore in a goalless draw. Even without the injured Tony Adams, Arsenal have enough strength in reserve to keep Michael Owen quiet. What Tottenham would only give for such a defense.

One point makes the difference at Caesarea

A difference of one point meant victory for this week's winners in the alliance medal two scores to count competition at Caesarea golf club.

Morris Alhadeff, Ben Hoffman, Shmuelik Futran and David Edel won with a 16 better than par 130 strokes, one better than Liran Kessel, Zev Neria, Siggy Meitels and Jules Cubumek.

Two strokes behind them in third place on 133 were Clive Josset, Chuck Shaikowitz, Michel Hops and Faith Specter.

The fourth round of the Eli Kishner cup match play competition will see the following matches: John Doller versus Jeff Strubel, Eli Segev vs Marion Fegal, Yitzhak Dankner vs Eli Hasson, and Gerry Kessler vs Ben Hoffman.

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CANTORAL
HELEN KAYE

Four days of cantorial singing, lectures, workshops and more start today in *Hallelujah*. The festival features cantors such as Ben-Zion Miller, Israel Rand, Haim Eliezer Hershik, wonderkid Amit Listund and Avraham Fried. The energetic Ra'ana Symphonette provides the musical accompaniment and conductor Elie Jaffe is the event's musical director. First concert tonight at 8 in the Kibbutz Lavi Hotel. Info: (06) 679-9450

FILM
ADINA HOFFMAN

*** **THE LEADING MAN** - John Duigan directs this wry little backstage love roundelay. Set in London, the film stars rock singer Jon Bon Jovi in an adept bit of self-satire as a cocky



Lambert Wilson and Anna Galiena star in 'The Leading Man.'

American heartthrob, set to appear in a new British play whose author (Lambert Wilson) is as tweedy, pale and tortured-looking as Bon Jovi's character seems carefree, muscular and oversexed. The movie takes shape as a peculiar contest between the two men, who are rivals not just for the affections of several women, but who seem to be struggling for control of the spotlight and, by extension, the script - not the literal, prosaic-bound script, mind you, but the more elusive script of life. Who will get the girl? Will the ending be happy, as the American prefers, or sad, as the Englishman declares that it must be? The clever screenplay by Virginia Duigan manages to blur the lines between the drama unfolding onstage and off, and to pitch these typically theatrical questions at an almost existential level. With Anna Galiena and Thandie Newton. (Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

8:05 Grieg: Lyric Pieces op. 12, 33, 43, 47 (Kafin)
7:07 Bach: Sonatas in D major for Cello and Keyboard; Joffe
Pastorale for Flute, Bassoon and Harp; Schumann: Andante and Variations for Horn, 2 Cellos and 2 Flutes
8:05 Biber: 2 Sonatas for Trumpet, Strings, Timpani and Continuo; Bestow: Horn in C op. 85
9:05 Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite no. 1; Mozart: Wind Serenade in C minor K388; Schubert: String Quintet in C op. 163; Haydn: Piano Concerto in D; Brahms: Symphony no. 2 op. 73; Debussy: Préludes (suite) for Orchestra
12:00 Light Classical - wind orchestras play Schubert, Grainger, Rogers, Wagner, Godfrey, Kachaturian, King and Darius
12:50 Artist of the Week - Birmingham Symphony conducted by Simon Phipps. Messiah: Lullaby-symphony for Piano, Ondes Martenot and Orchestra
14:00 Leonard Bernstein - 80 years since his birth. Works by Bernstein, Barber, Shostakovich and Beethoven
18:00 Bach: Preludes and Fugues from Book 2 of the Well-Tempered Clavier; Mozart: Sonata for Piano and Violin K378; Albinetti: Coriolan; Mussorgsky: Songs; Prokofiev:

Peter and the Wolf
18:00 Isaac Commission: Saint-Saëns: The Swan; Grieg: Vocalise; Kachaturian: 14 Short Pieces for Flute and Piano op. 157; Debussy: Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune; Paur: Messe basse for Solo Voices, Organ and Chorus
Reichardt: Trio elegiac no. 2 op. 9; Dvorak: String Quartet no. 12 "American" (Berlek)
(1) The Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Erik Van Nieuw, Vivaldi: Concerto in B minor for 4 Violins, Strings and Continuo; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no. 1; Telemann: Pièces de clavecin op. 39; Albinetti: Coriolan; Reichardt: Trio elegiac no. 2 op. 9
20:00 Golden Generation - Serge Lechmannoff, piano Works by Chopin, Reichardt and Mendelssohn; Reichardt: Trio elegiac no. 2 op. 9
21:00 News
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8:00 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00)
Music with Sharon

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9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00)
Music with Sharon

DOWN

1 It's a terrible ordeal to put a new film into a camera (6)
2 To father the last letter's a gem (5)
3 Word of warning said to have been previously mentioned (9)
4 Greek character: has about one dance (7)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Crossword
ACROSS: 1. Labeled, 4. Light, 8. Split, 9. Ashland, 10. Nectar, 11. Ode, 12. Beg, 14. West, 15. Alike, 16. Sew, 21. Nest, 23. Arduous, 25. Article, 26. Naive, 27. Turso, 28. Prigid.
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Joe Hoffman & Ori LewisLeyland girds
for series
with Cards

MIAMI (AP) — Jim Leyland wants to give Mark McGwire pitches to hit.

With the Marlins, however, things don't always go as planned. "We'll pitch to him," Leyland said. "We may not throw strikes, but we'll pitch to him."

The Marlins lead the major leagues in walks allowed, so it's uncertain how many chances McGwire will have to increase his home run total. With 53 homers, McGwire is eight shy of Roger Maris's record.

The Florida Marlins were scheduled to play at St. Louis late yesterday and have another game today.

McGwire was scheduled to face rookie Rafael Medina yesterday and goes up against knuckleballer Kirt Ojala today. Medina is 0-1 with a 7.18 ERA and has allowed three homers in 26 1/3 innings. Ojala is 1-3 with a 3.90 ERA and gave up three homers to San Francisco in 2 1/3 innings Sunday.

Leyland, who led the Marlins to the World Series championship last year, knows how difficult it is to perform in the spotlight, which is one reason he considers McGwire's season so impressive.

"I don't think people realize how much pressure there is," Leyland says. "What the guy is going through must be a hundred-fold worse than what we went through in the World Series. I can't imagine." Leyland has been in professional baseball as a player or manager since 1964, and he says he has never seen a player like McGwire.



COMING THROUGH — Atlanta's Danny Bautista is out at home as he collides with Dodgers' catcher Tom Prince.

(Reuters)

Mariners sweep Chisox

Griffey's bat heats up, McGwire, Sosa tally unchanged

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 44th homer in a seven-run fourth inning on Monday and the Seattle Mariners held on for an 11-10 victory and a four-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox.

Griffey connected for a three-run shot off White Sox starter Mike Siroka (12-12) to cap the outburst and give the Mariners an 8-1 lead. It was Griffey's second homer in two days after he had hit just one in 87 previous August at-bats.

Griffey leads the American League in homers but is nine behind major-league leader Mark McGwire of St. Louis. He is on pace to hit 55, one less than last year, when he led the league.

"He can get hot at any point," teammate Alex Rodriguez said. "He can hit seven in a week. When he swings like today, they start flying out."

Rodriguez had four hits and scored twice and Joey Cora had two hits, two runs and two RBI for the Mariners, who nearly blew a 9-1 lead.

Mike Timlin surrendered Robin Ventura's

10th career grand slam in the ninth and allowed a single by Jeff Norton before getting the final three outs for his 12th save. He had worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth after Chicago scored three times.

"I couldn't believe that ball went out," Timlin said of Ventura's blast. "He hit it just far enough. I didn't want to go out there and screw it up and I almost did."

Magglio Ordonez also homered for Chicago while Edgar Martinez hit his 24th out for Seattle.

The winner was Ken Cloude (8-9), who retired the first 11 batters he faced, nine by strikeout. Cloude allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings, walking three and striking out 10 as he snapped a personal three-game losing streak.

Angels 7, Yankees 3

Garrett Anderson tied the score with a two-run homer in the seventh and Gary DiSarcina hit a go-ahead, two-run double later in the inning to

lead visiting Anaheim to victory.

Anaheim, which could play the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs, holds a 4-3 advantage over New York this year — the only team the Yankees don't lead in the season. The Angels maintained a 2 1/2-game lead over Texas in the AL West.

Jack McDowell (3-2) won his second straight start since coming off the disabled list.

Rangers 6, Tigers 5

Aaron Sele earned his 15th victory and Will Clark hit a two-run homer as the host Rangers entered a favorable stretch of the schedule with a victory.

The Rangers fell out of first place in the AL West when they won only seven of 17 games during an 18-day run that ended Sunday night against three of the AL's elite: the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians.

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Hapoel Tel Aviv
lose in penalty
shoot-out

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Hapoel Tel Aviv failed to make history by qualifying to the first round of the UEFA Cup yesterday, after it lost 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out to Stromsgodset of Norway.

Hapoel had to battle for the last 18 minutes of regular time, and all through extra time with 10 men, following Yaniv Yaron's dismissal. The young midfielder received two yellow cards in a period of two minutes, and was given his marching orders in the 72nd minute by Bulgarian referee Ivan Dobrinov.

Carrying a 1-0 lead into the away leg in Drammen and with Sebastian Simirovic kept as cover on the substitutes' bench, Hapoel sat back while Godset were forced to attack.

The Norwegians managed to score in the 6th minute from a header by their skipper and former Chelsea defender Erlend Johnson, but the goal was disallowed as goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech was fouled.

In the 14th minute, Andres Michelsen shaved the bottom of the post with a shot from near the

byline, and six minutes later Hapoel's skipper Shalom Tiro also came close from a cross by Eyal Ben Ami, but Glen Hagen in Godset's goal was alert.

Four minutes before the interval, the home side took the lead and leveled the score over the two legs. A mistake by Tel Aviv's defender Motti Otsim, who failed to clear a simple ball, left Lasse Olsen to deliver a telling cross that was met by Michelsen who was left unmarked at the center of Hapoel's penalty box to head the ball into the top corner.

The score remained unchanged all through the second half despite both Yaron's dismissal, which forced Hapoel to sit even further back, and the introduction of Jostein Flo, who came on and caused an immediate aerial threat.

Coach Eli Cohen threw Simirovic in for the exhausted Assi Tobi in the second period of extra time, but he missed the first penalty for Hapoel as both teams stood up for the sudden death spot-kicks. Shavit Elimelech made amends by saving Tor Arne Sannerholt's kick but Eyal Ben Ami's effort was saved by the Norwegian keeper.

UEFA Cup second qualifying round, second leg results:

In Salonika: PAOK Salonika (Greece) 0, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0. Glasgow Rangers win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Gaketi: Orlan Gaketi (Romania) 0, Vejle BK (Denmark) 2 (halftime 0-2). Score: Danny Jung 21, Peter Grautud 35, Nicolai Wael 53. Vejle BK win 6-0 on aggregate.

In Chorzow: Ruch Chorzow (Poland) 0, FC Bologna (Italy) 2 (halftime 0-0). Score: Igor Kolivanov 61pen, Giuseppe Signori 80. Bologna win 3-0 on aggregate.

In Moscow: Dynamo Moscow (Russia) 1, Polonia Warsaw (Poland) 0 (halftime 0-0). Score: Oleg Tereshkin 88. Dynamo Moscow win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Sofia: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 2, Molde (Norway) 0 (halftime 1-0). Score: Mladen Petkov 39, Valentin Stanchev 60. Red card: Pal Lydersen (Molde) 63. CSKA win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Vilnius: Zalgiris (Lithuania) 0, Brann Bergen (Norway) 0. Brann Bergen win 1-0 aggregate.

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2, Omroia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0 (halftime 1-0). Score: Andreas Heral 9, Rene Wagner 70. Aggregate 3-3. Rapid Vienna win on away goals rule.

In Volgograd: Rotor Volgograd (Russia) 1, Crvena Zvezda Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2 (halftime 0-0). Score: Rotor — Alexander Zarnov 58, Crvena Zvezda — Perica Ogrizovic 70, Dado 80. Red card: Golovce (Crvena Zvezda) 53. Crvena Zvezda win 4-2 on aggregate.

In Bratislava: Inter Bratislava (Slovakia) 2, Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 0 (halftime 1-0). Score: Peter Babric 12, Robert Ovd 82. Red card: Jozef Danko (Inter Bratislava) 66. Slavia Prague win 4-2 on aggregate.

In Silkeborg: Silkeborg (Denmark) 2, Murs Muriska Sobota (Slovenia) 0 (halftime 0-0). Score: Peter Sorensen 63, Thomas Roell Larsen 64. Silkeborg win 4-2 on aggregate.

In Trabzon: Trabzonspor (Turkey) 1, Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 (halftime 0-0). Score: Trabzonspor: Husayin Cimsir 67, Wisla Krakow: Ibrahim Sunday 53, Tomasz Kulawik 62. Wisla Krakow win 7-2 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1, IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 0 (halftime 0-0). Score: Elvir Balic 64. Aggregate score 2-2. Fenerbahce win on away goals rule.

In Athens: AEK Athens (Greece) 4, Ferencvaros (Hungary) 0 (halftime 3-0). Score: AEK Athens: Demis Nikolaidis 8, 13pen, 26pen, George Dotsis 63. AEK Athens win 4-4 on aggregate.

In Oslo: Stromsgodset (Norway) 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0 (after extra time, halftime 1-0). Score: Andres Michelsen 42. Aggregate 1-1. Stromsgodset won 4-2 on penalties.

In Brussels: Anderlecht (Belgium) 2, Oslja (Croatia) 1 (halftime 1-0). Score: Ole Martin Aaral 4, Alin Stancu 85. Aggregate score 3-3. Anderlecht win on away goals rule.

UEFA set to merge
UEFA Cup and
Cup Winners' Cup

LONDON (Reuters) — European soccer's governing body UEFA said yesterday it may merge the Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup and introduce changes to the Champions' League to head off a threat to form a European Super League.

UEFA spokesman Guido Tognoni told Reuters that soccer officials from eight countries had rejected an initiative by Europe's top clubs to form a Super League. "The essence of the meeting was that they mandated UEFA to reform the competitions," he said.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the Committee for Professional Football in UEFA, a group set up to meet the challenge posed by what the football body refers to as "a private project."

"The unanimous result was to reject the private project," he said, adding the committee agreed to mandate UEFA to reform European football competitions. "This was the essence of the meeting."

"We expect to complete the redesign of European competition by the end of the year," said Tognoni.

Betar seek to salvage
pride against Benfica

By DEKEL FATTAL

Burdened by a six-goal deficit from the thrashing received in the first leg of their European Cup qualifying match against Benfica a fortnight ago, Betar Jerusalem have only their pride to play for in this evening's return leg at Teddy Stadium.

When the draw was made a full house was expected for today's fixture but the humiliating 6-0 result in Lisbon's Stadium of Light has doused local enthusiasm for a second encounter against Graham Souness's outfit, and some pessimists are predicting an attendance of less than 7,000.

Nevertheless the Betar management are still going ahead with plans to open Teddy's sparkling new 8,000-seater North Stand to the public for the first time tonight. The additional area increases the stadium's capacity to just over the 20,000 mark.

Benfica have settled down after their arrival in Israel was delayed by nearly 12 hours on Monday following flight problems.

The Jerusalemites can expect few favors from the Portuguese side which still retains a romantic

aura from the glorious period in the early Sixties when the club known as the Eagles boasted the likes of the great Eusebio and Torres under the management of Hungarian coach Bela Guttmann, and brought the European Cup home to the Portuguese capital.

Jerusalem fans will be hoping for Betar to put on the same gutsy type of display they gave against Benfica's arch rivals Sporting Lisbon a year ago, which many reckon to be one of the best-ever performances by an Israeli club in European competition.

The inadequacies of Betar's fragile central defensive unit were clearly exposed two weeks ago by the Benfica attack, and the bad news for the hosts is that center-half Sergei Tariak has been ruled out of the match following a leg injury received at the weekend.

Today's contest marks the return to Israel of former Maccabi Haifa star Sergei Kandaurov — one of the most successful foreign imports to grace the local game — who is likely to be in Benfica's starting line up alongside Joao Pinto. The match kicks off at 18:00 and will be broadcast live on Channel 24 and Reshet Bet.

Broncos down Packers
in 'Super Bowl rematch'

DENVER (AP) — Jason Elam kicked a 49-yard field goal with 3:10 remaining, and the Denver Broncos defeated the Green Bay Packers 34-31 Monday night in an exhibition rematch of last January's Super Bowl teams.

The Broncos, who also beat the Packers 31-24 seven months earlier, built leads of 21-10 and 28-17 in an otherwise evenly played game that saw each team's defense and special teams score touchdowns.

Brett Favre and John Elway dueled to a near standoff, each throwing a touchdown pass in the first half.

Elway, who played only the first half for the Broncos, completed 13 of 22 passes for 179 yards, Favre, whose stint lasted through the first series of the third quarter, was 13-of-23 for 155 yards.

Elam's 35-yard field goal had given Denver a 31-24 lead with 11:01 remaining, but the Packers, behind backup quarterback Doug

Pederson, tied it with 6:53 left.

Pederson drove the Packers to Denver's 37-yard line when the march stalled and Sean Landeta punted. George Coghill fumbled the punt and Mike Prior recovered at the Denver 17. Pederson passed the 16 yards to Bill Schroeder, and Raymond Harris scored from the 1.

Rookie Brian Griese helped move the Broncos in position for Elam's winning kick with a 34-yard pass to tight end Byron Chamberlain.

Denver led 21-17 at halftime.

The Packers scored just 44 seconds into the game when safety LeRoy Butler intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown.

Denver tied it midway through the first quarter when Elway hit Rod Smith on an 80-yard scoring pass. Smith gained separation from cornerback Craig Newsome and caught Elway's pass down the right side at the Green Bay 40.

Late in the quarter, Denver

defensive end Marvin Washington stripped Travis Jerve of the ball, and safety Tyrone Braxton ran 7 yards with the fumble for a 14-7 lead.

After a Green Bay field goal early in the second quarter, Darrien Gordon camped under a punt and, sprung by blocks from Dwayne Carswell and Detron Smith, dashed 65 yards down the left sideline for a 21-10 lead with 9:15 left in the half.

Rocell Preston's 21-yard punt return, along with a late-hit penalty against Denver, gave Green Bay good field position late in the half, and Favre passed 11 yards to Derrick Mayes for a touchdown with 1:07 left.

Bubby Brister, replacing Elway in the third quarter, went 6-of-7 for 58 yards on a 74-yard, 13-play march that culminated in Derek Louville's 1-yard TD run. On the ensuing kickoff, however, Preston went right, then cut up the middle on a 99-yard scoring return.

England
stays with
Stewart

LONDON (AP) — Fresh from leading England to its first major test-series win in 12 years, Alec Stewart was yesterday named to skipper the England cricket team into next year's World Cup.

Stewart, who captained England to a 2-1 Test series win over South Africa this summer, can now focus on the immediate task at hand — an arduous Ashes series in Australia.

The only real question over Stewart's captaincy arose because of a clash in schedules between the start of England's Ashes campaign and a limited-overs tournament in Bangladesh.

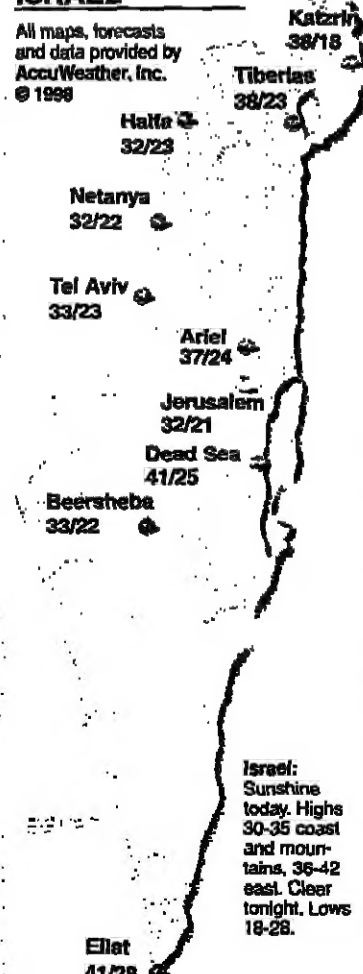
However, England successfully appealed an International Cricket Council demand that each Test-playing nation send a full-strength side to the Dhaka tournament.

The only doubt over the team now is which player will lead England's limited-overs squad in Dhaka.

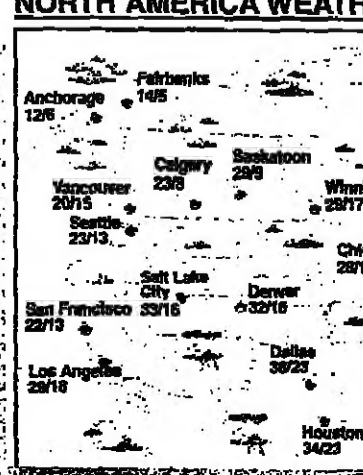
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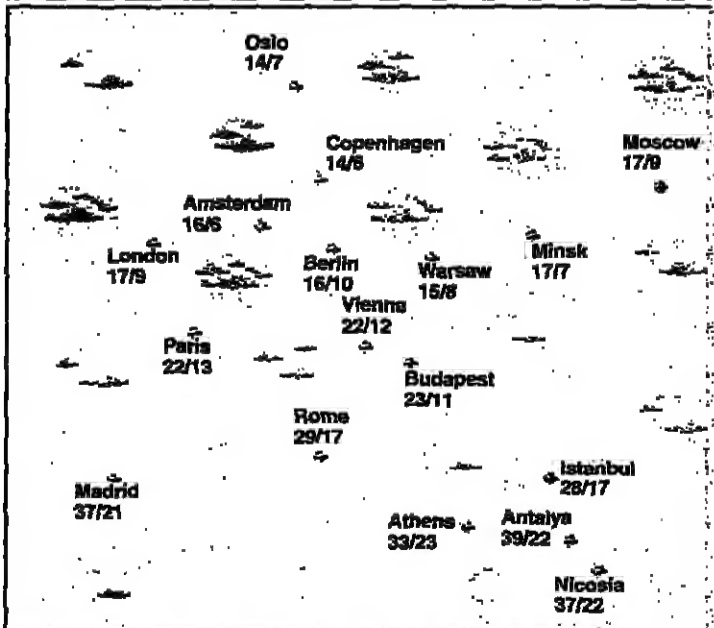
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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAELI CITIES

City	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Haifa	37/68	24/75	38/100	24/75
Tel Aviv	33/23	27/16	35/95	23/73
Jerusalem	32/59	27/16	35/95	23/73
Beersheba	32/22	27/16	35/95	23/73
Netanya	32/22	27/16	35/95	23/73
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Weather (W) = sunny, pc = partly cloudy, c = cloudy, sh = showers, th = thunderstorms, r = rain, s = snow, f = fog.

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Amsterdam	16/61	64/33h	14/57	74/44
Beijing	38/51	13/55	31/88	21/70
Berlin	16/61	10/50sh	14/57	74/44
Brussels	19/66	84/56h	14/57	74/44
Cairo	35/95	24/75	35/95	24/75
Chicago	25/82	18/64pc	26/82	19/66sh
Frankfurt	14/57	11/32	15/59	54/16
Hong Kong	33/21	27/80pc	30/98	27/80pc
Johannesburg	22/71	40/91	22/71	64/33
London	17/62	9/48sh	18/64	23/71
Los Angeles	23/74	16/64pc	34/93	18/64
Madrid	37/98	21/70	37/98	17/62
Mexico City	27/82	14/57pc	23/73	14/57
Montreal	24/75	14/57pc	24/75	16/61
Moscow	17/62	9/48sh	18/64	23/71
New York	31/82	22/71	30/98	27/80pc
Panama	22/71	13/55pc	18/64	74/44
Paris	16/61	10/50sh	14/57	74/44
Rio de Janeiro	23/74	16/64pc	34/93	18/64
Rome	23/74	16/64pc	34/93	18/64
Sydney	15/61	64/33h	14/57	74/44
Tokyo	31/82	22/71	30/98	27/80pc
Toronto	25/77	12/53	26/73	14/57
Vancouver	22/71	13/55pc	18/64	23/71
Washington	15/59	8/42	16/61	24/75
Wellington	31/82	22/71	30/98	27/80pc